

# NAPHILL CAZETTE

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TWO PENCE

## NAPHILL LEADS THE WAY.

It is not so many years ago that our local County Councillor was asked the famous question "What is Naphill, where is Naphill, and where does it lead to?" Nowadays, (we hope) our Council Chamber is no longer adorned with such illustrious examples of prehistoric wit (dare we say ignorance?). No. The question on everybody's lips today it seems is "What will Naphill do next?". (Of course the C.C. might render it "What will Naphill want next?", but that is sheer bias.) And after Playing fields, Village hall, water, electricity, Billiard Room, and a decent Coombe Lane (or at any rate--half of same), we answer---THIS, our own monthly Journal. In makingg this effort we once again lead the way, showing all the other Villages and not a few so-called Towns that we are thoroughly alive, and possessed of energy foresight and humour.

What are we aiming at? Well, we propose to try to bring out once a month something that will interest and amuse and possibly in some cases, enlighten. Items of Village news, accounts from Village clubs and societies, articles of general and particular interest, advertisements--all will find a place in our pages. All profits will be handed over direct to the governing body of the Village Hall, for the reduction of debt, and we feel that if we can interest and entertain you and at the same time help the Hall that

belongs to all of us, we shall have accomplished something worthy of our up-to-date and go-ahead Village.

## BOOKS

At the present time there is ample opportunity for country dwellers to obtain good reading matter. In many villages of our County a branch of the Bucks County Library has been formed. In Naphill this lending library is held in the Village Hall on Tuesday evenings from 6-30 till 8 p.m.

The books, which are changed every six months contain a good and varied selection catering for all tastes, and many of the books included in the library this time are particularly enjoyable.

"Benighted", by J.E. Priestly is a book which can be warmly recommended to all who like a good exciting story in rather an unusual setting. Five travellers, lost in a storm in the Welsh mountains, and cut off by floods, seek shelter for the night in a lonely house. The book deals with the strange happenings of that exciting night. Those who are expecting another "Good Companions" will not find it here, although Priestly's masterly portrayal of character is shown in his description of the game "Truth" played by the benighted travellers to while away a tedious evening.

Now that Japan is occupying a growing commercial and political importance in the world, many people are interested to learn how the social life in this country is adapting itself to the changes of these modern times. An interesting book,

"Life in Tokio", which is in the library, gives a vivid picture of life in the Japanese capital as it is today. In a concise manner the writer shows how the Japanese are succeeding in blending their old traditions and customs with the new ideas of this machine age. This book is illustrated with striking sketches and coloured stencils by a Japanese artist. M.B

## THE WOMENS INSTITUTE.

-Feb. 4th. Members' Day. Lantern lecture--Travel in Switzerland--Mrs. and Miss Bond. Sing, say, read or pay, and Childrens party.

A very happy time was spent by members and their children on this day. The lantern

lecture was extremely interesting and well given. The childrens and members' tea was excellent. "Sing, say, read or pay" brought many a laugh and some pennies. The children enjoyed some games and crackers, each one taking home a very nice present.

March 4th. Talk--Gardening--J.H. Acaster, Esq. Bulb competition show. Seed potatoes distribution. Charade. This will certainly be interesting; we are all anxious to get down to our gardening, if only the weather would permit. It is understood that two early and two late kinds of potatoes will be given out this year so that the hospital can have new potatoes earlier.

# ODDS AND ENDS

## VILLAGE NEWS AND VIEWS.

Mr. Bert Brown's Generosity in providing swings which will soon be erected in the Playing field is very much appreciated by children and parents alike. In these days of dangerous roads a playing field in itself is not enough to coax children away from the death-traps, but when there is something to play at (or with) it is a different story. Thank you, Mr. Brown.

Shirley Temple, favourite ~~among~~ children and admired by many adults ("She's just like

our youngster") will be seen and heard in talking films at the Village Hall on March 22nd. Charlie Kunz and his band appear in the same programme, and there is a present for every lady present. Admission is free, so what more could you want?

S&S.D.--- a new feature in Village life---Saturday Sixpenny dances arranged and carried out by Mr. H.J. Adam. The first was held on Feb. 13 and realised £1/8 for Village hall funds. Every little helps as the old woman said when she spat in the soup.

Master will soon be here, and

after Easter--Whitsun. Our Annual Fete as usual will be the great attraction in Bucks, with its titanic tug-of-war, babies shewing from all parts of the world, gory boxing displays, dogs and the rest. We have arranged that there will be no rain this year.

By the way, make a note of Easter Saturday. There will be some fun going on that day. Watch out for the bills.

We hear that the people of Lacey Green and Speon have got together and decided that the Schools there need to be rebuilt, and have set about the job in no uncertain manner. Their children will soon be learning in comfort, even in winter, for there to be central heating, no coke stoves that just heat a part of the Master. Now, and Mrs. Naphill, is the idea, or is it?

Looking into the future we see in the March 1928 issue of the NAPHILL GAZETTE the following little note.

"It is rumoured that the buses will be soon running to Wycombe via Gocambe Lane".

## THE COMMUNISTS

Communism is really a nice word if you can forget how it has been lifted by a certain political party to describe their theories. Perhaps you do not agree, but at any rate it is as nice as any word that ends with 'ism'. Anyhow, I was recently in the country seeking material for an article for my newspaper and I found a people with a strong community spirit, that is how my friends describe them. Let me explain. In course of writing a series of descriptive trade conditions in various towns I was sent to High Wycombe, and having a friend who lives in a neighbouring village I arranged to spend a week-end at his home and gathered from him the information that I required.

Saturday evening came, and the question of how to spend it. My friend says he sees enough of Wycombe during the week and suggested that we go to the Pantomime at the Village Hall. I made a grimace, thinking of wooden hut, village entertainment, dull speech, but my friend laughed at me and we went out into the dark. We soon came to the hall, a very pleasing brick building, two hundred and fifty people inside, and the cheerful expectant atmosphere one enjoys when waiting for the show to begin, good lighting, good stage judged by the look of the curtains. Show starts, good opening, settle down with that pleasant uncritical feeling which a reporter yearns for who has to do so many dull assignments. It was all there, all the classical ingredients, scenery, beauty, romance, nonsense.

After the pantomime we went to see the Lilliard Room, another surprise for me. Well lighted, two tables, upholstered benches, a very fine room.

After supper I wanted to talk about this Village, for here was something different, different in that the impression it gave me was more like that of a successful commercial enterprise. I gathered that it was not due to wealthy patrons, though from one source had come some very generous gifts, and that there was still a considerable mortgage on the place. I asked my friend what the property was worth or cost, and he thought that with the Playing field (which I had not seen in the dark) rather more than £2000; it seemed a big sum for a village undertaking, and I asked how it was done. He did not know, but thought it was due to a strong community spirit in the village. "I see," I said, "a sort of G.K. Chesterton communism, no capitalists, all workers, and a benevolent Father Brown to advise and direct". "No, you are wrong", said my friend, "I swear that there is not a communist among them, and no guide or leader. They won't have one, every man or woman is



## THE COMMUNISTS (CONTD.)

as good as another in this Village."

On Sunday morning I went to see the place by daylight, and very pleasing it was, style and design very good, green grass, shrubs, playing field adjoining. I was reminded of a well-kept Golf Club house. It just needed a corner for the children with a seesaw, I thought.

I told my friend that I felt a bit annoyed. It was as if someone were trying to convince me that life was as good in this village as in town. Ridiculous. What would they have on next week? Young people to the cinema, others to bed at eight. No. City lights for me.

On Monday morning, leaving the village, I stopped to read a poster on the notice board. "Saturday next, Social and dance, Two pianos, Twin pianists, Maud, Mike, and John, "Babes not so good," v Dancing till 12".

I drove on.

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## FOR WOMEN IN THE HOME

### By 'DOMESTICS'.

Probably one or two energetics have finished spring cleaning. I have not, and so a suggestion for those like me will not come amiss. When you have beaten or brushed or hoovered that carpet John spilt his milk on and Daddy the ink, why not get lots of hot water, plenty of soap, a good scrubbing brush, heaps of rags, and give it a good scrub; you must have a good fire going and keep all intruders away until it is dry. Do this on the morning or afternoon, keep the fire going all the evening, and the next day you won't recognise your carpet. Daddy will certainly think that you have brokent the bank for a new one, and in addition, you will find the exercise so slimming.

Whilst you are busy scrubbing the carpet you will want your midday meal to be ready as usual.

### Try this. Soup.

Prepare, wash and put in the saucepan threepennyworth of veal bones, some pearl barley, one savoy cabbage, two carrots, one onion, a Larmite cube, salt and pepper, and cover with water. Boil vigorously for 4 hours, strain, and heat again just before required. Thicken if liked.

### Cheese Rice.

Boil six ounces of rice with a pinch of salt in one quart

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## NAPHILL METHODIST CHURCH

It has been customary a number of years to set aside one Sunday in the early part of the year for the Choir Festival Services. This year the Conductor, Mr. H. Head is extending this Festival to include the preceding Saturday evening. On that evening (March 13) the Choir will sing the sacred Cantata "The Good Shepherd", a beautiful work by the modern composer, E. Lee Pattison.

The Choir are to be congratulated on securing the services of Mr. Harold Head and Mr. Whitney, the well-known tenor and bass soloists. The programme should be a thoroughly enjoyable one for all music lovers.

We might mention that as the Cantata is a short one, there will be time for a chat over the tables at the Coffee Super which follows.

On Sunday March 14 the Rev. H. Menahaw a young minister from the Marlow Church will take the Services. The soloist will be Miss Winifred Smith, of Leicester, who has been to Naphill several times. Those who have heard the rich quality of her beautiful soprano voice will not wish to miss the opportunity of hearing her again. The Choir will render selections at each Service.

L.B.

## NOODLE IN THE MOUTH (CONTINUED)

of water for 25 minutes. Drain well, put into a pie dish with a quarter of a pint of milk and one ounce of butter. Grate 6 ounces of cheese and sprinkle over the rice: add pepper. Place in a medium oven for 20 minutes before required.

Follow this with a Chocolate growna rice mould and stewed apples.

The whole meal can be prepared overnight.

## A NEW BORN BABE

cannot ride a bicycle any more than a day-old chick lays eggs. So THE NAPHILL GAZETTE, in its infancy, asks for your patience. Our Editor's typewriter is, we think, one of the first that was ever made, and the services of an efficient typist cannot be afforded at the moment. Therefore please ignore errors for the time being. We shall improve month by month, especially with your help. Now what do YOU think of the NAPHILL GAZETTE? How would YOU improve it? Write and tell the Editor.

The new member of the fishing club had hooked a very small trout and had wound it in until it was rammed against the end of the rod. "What do I do now?" he asked his companion. "Climb up the rod and stab it", was the reply.



## THE ADVENTURES OF "BABES O' THE WOOD"

One dark dirty night towards the end of January 240 villagers gathered at Naphill Village Hall to witness two 'innocent' babes 'lost in a wood. According to Pantomime anything is permissible, and fortunately for the important shirt-sleeved officials back stage this was Pantomime.

It is 7-45. Leave the steadily-filling hall, and peep into the dressing rooms. Don't be modest--we have producer's license. Here are two dull gentlemen, obviously gentlemen, although each of them is nursing a baby's bottle. No stockings for the King! A search is made for the lady back stage with the longest legs. Ah, surely these will do. An anxious moment and those wretched stockings stop defiantly within four inches of the king's trousers. What can be done with four inches of bare leg on a dignified King?

7-55. The king's appeal for longer stockings seems to be lost amid the bustle of the excited players, now engaged in powdering down 'make-up', treading on each others toes and ---keeping cool. We pass from the men's room, into the room where silence would be golden, and finding we cannot get a word in edgeways, we leave the ladies and intrude upon the 'make-up' department, in the kitchen. Here is an expert staff of very useful people putting last minute touches to costumes and facial expressions--Naphill's Beauty Parlour.

Two minutes to go. A last scurry through the dressing rooms. Everybody ready? Musicians out, please, they tune up while the chorus take their positions. The overture peals out, the curtains part, and our show is launched.

Steadily something like 1200 lines and 25 tunes unfold the tale of two pitiful 'babes', and a still more pitiful princess. Happily, thanks to a tiny box of artificial garden manure, everything comes right and 2½ hours later 40 players say goodbye to an encouraging and satisfied audience.

In order to raise further funds, the babes were 'lost' on the following evening, and we consider the show was 100% better. During this performance our youngest player stumbled when taking her entrance, but with extraordinary stage presence regained herself and smilingly resumed her part.

Sands Methodist Church. We risked it and came out triumphant. The audience rocked with laughter and the stage rocked with dancing, while the poor babes stranded on the far side of the stage with no exit, struggled gallantly to obtain their 'nighties' for their magnificent bedroom scene.

At Newland Chapel we played to two crowded houses, and we had an extra laugh when Queenie plucked the King's whiskers right off in the midst of a quarrel.

# SCHOOL NEWS

BY A.M. ASTER.

This year we have been very fortunate in the small number of cases of 'flu', and so far there have been no cases of whooping cough or measles, which we usually get at this time of year. At Lacey Green, Speen and North Dean things have not been so good.

It is felt that the children thus show the benefit which they derive from two things. Firstly, for more than two years now more than 70% of them have been having a daily glass of milk. This is bound to give increased stamina and disease-resisting power. Secondly, the children of the upper School have been able to take their Physical Training lessons throughout the winter in the Village Hall. I like they enjoy, and it has helped to develop their bodies to a marked degree. Just a few who have not yet managed to get a pair of slippers miss a good deal of the exercises, but we know that parents will soon put this little matter right.

Term examinations will soon be well under way again. Next month we will be able to publish the names of those children who came 'top'. We are issuing Reports this term as an experiment. We are in some doubt as to whether the majority of parents are interested in such things or not. Perhaps I shall be able to find out.

The School Wireless set Fund still stands at £4-8-1, and we are hoping to get the balance required with another of our Whist Drives. Our last one was a large success, so look out for the next--to be held on March 18th.

From a recent composition on 'My Pet'.

"I would have a monkey, but I would not let him come indoors until he knew his manners."

## THE GIRLS' CLUB.

The Gym class held last year in connection with the above Club proved to be too strenuous for the majority of members, so it was agreed at the beginning of this year to have a number of Dancing lessons, a far less energetic exercise but none the less enjoyable. This venture has proved successful, and for ten years weeks Miss Morgan took two classes each week, and she is now taking one each Tuesday evening, which is followed by a social hour, thereby satisfying dancers and non-dancers.

All who have attended these classes regularly have not only found them to be very enjoyable, but very beneficial as well. There is no doubt that the standard of dancing in the Village has risen considerably during the past few months.  
A. P. W.

Theodore Look, in his well-known 'maxims' writes these words. "The greater the fool the better the dancer".

## THE TENNIS CLUBS SUCCESSFUL SEASON

When the Tennis Club began their weekly Social Evenings last October the general forecast was that they would "fizzle out" in a few weeks. For once, however, the prophecy has been proved wrong, and it is now certain that we shall run right through to the end of the season. Every Social so far has shown a profit, and this at 3d. a head admission speaks well for the attendance. The secret of course is the really social and friendly atmosphere that prevails at our Wednesday affairs. Everyone is made a member of a large and happy family, everybody joins in everything, and everybody enjoys everything.

Two theatre trips have been successfully run, one to Chiswick Empire, and the other to the New Theatre, Oxford, while a third is arranged to Shepherd's Bush Empire on March 8th. These trips are very popular and always crowded out.

All this is part of the scheme arranged and carried out by the energetic Committee with a view to doing something towards providing a second court if possible for next summer.

Next month we hope to give details of our Summer Programme.

## IN THE BILLIARD ROOM. PRIZE FOR BIGGEST BREAK.

Increased activity has been the order in the Billiard Room during the past month. Takings on tables and Canteen have shown a welcome return to normal. With the greater use of the tables of course the standard of play has risen accordingly. The "NAPHILL GAZETTE", therefore, with a view to encouraging our local players, offers a prize of half a crown to the member of the Men's Club making the biggest break during April.

All entries must be sent to the Editor, at School House, using the coupon below, not later than April 12nd. Members claiming the prize must have paid their subscription. The coupon must be signed by the player, his opponent, and by the Steward in charge of the room on the occasion when the break was made.

### "BREAK" COMPETITION

SIZE OF BREAK .....

PLAYER'S SIGNATURE .....

OPPONENT'S SIGNATURE .....

STEWARD .....

DATE WHEN MADE .....



## MARCH IN THE GARDEN.

Now that the blizzards, snows and rains have gone (we hope) for another year, we can get down to real work in our gardens. The evenings are gradually lengthening, and the gardening enthusiast will not waste a minute of daylight, but will be hard at work digging, manuring and seed-sowing.

First of all a word on digging. There is no doubt, I think, that many of our crops are thin and poor because the soil needs deep digging. If the subsoil is not thoroughly broken up and aerated the best of seeds cannot get on with their work. The old-fashioned "trenching" scheme is not seen in operation so much nowadays as it once was, and I think that this is a pity. So let us give our gardens a real deep dig this Spring, and if we can bury some old leaves, cabbage and the like at the same time-- so much the better.

Secondly as to manures. The modern trend in manuring is towards the use of artificials, even in the country where farmyard manure is reckoned to be plentiful and farmers only too glad to give it away by the cartload. But even if our farmers were able to fit this glowing description I should still use artificials. Why? because they are so much easier to handle (and more pleasant) and so concentrated that a pocketful (and you could put it in your pocket) would manure in boxes as a load from the cow-house. Scattering a fine powder over the ground appeals to me much more than forking about with the other stuff.

What artificials should we use? There are the three chief ones. Nitrates, Potash and Phosphates. Of the first two give about a pound each to a square rod, and of the third you can go up to three pounds. It is very important not to give too much. As regards the cost, my seedsman brought me up seven pounds each of Nitrate of Soda, Sulphate of Potash and Superphosphate of lime the other day and the lot came to less than five shillings. I am sure that you won't want me to tell you what seeds to sow. The various greenstuffs, early peas, potatoes, and vegetables generally, can be got out now. I find that a last row of broad beans in late March gives me a very acceptable dish in August, especially if the frost has got the better of those which I put in in the autumn. I get over the blight difficulty by nipping the tops off as soon as the bottom blooms are out. Onion sets (little onions that you plant like bulbs, costing about a penny for 20) will give you big onions early, though they cannot always be recommended for keeping.

In the flower garden we can sow most of our hardy annuals, sweet peas, Clarkia, Godetia, and so on, while pansies and polyanthus would be better at first

# A MONTH'S FOOTBALL.

## NAPHILL'S MANY SUCCESSES — MINORS IN CUP FINAL.

BY OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.

Sat. Feb. 6. Away to Chalfont St. Peter.

Naphill began the month well with a fine away win by 2 goals to 1. G. Brown scored in the first half from a pass from D. Lusby. The home side drew level after the interval, but Naphill went ahead through a marvellous shot by D. Lusby from 25 yards out. There was no further scoring.

Sat. Feb. 13. Semi-Final of Minor Cup, Naphill v Chesham.

Naphill minors, at home, scored a smashing success, by 5 goals to nil. Although playing the better football in the early stages Chesham could not score, whereas Mines (2) and Lancaster got through for the home team. After the change of ends Naphill went further ahead with 2 goals by Mines, and ran out winners by five clear goals.

Thus Naphill minors once again qualified for the final which will be played later on at Loukes Park, High Wycombe, where they will meet Lane End.

Sat. Feb. 20. v Colehill at home.

Winning the toss gave Naphill the advantage of wind and sun, and they were soon ahead, G. Brown (2) and A. Lacey scoring. Before half-time Day increased the lead, from the penalty spot. Beginning the second half with a four goals lead Naphill were forced to play a defensive game, and were not too good. Colehill scored

three goals before the home defence settled down. The final score was Naphill 4 Colehill 3.

### THE RESERVES.

On Feb. 6 the reserves were at home to Chalfont St. Peter reserves, and managed to draw, six goals being shared.

A fortnight later they were away to Tylers Green reserves, and brought off a very fine win by five goals to one.

For a Special Report of Feb. 27th. match see our STOP PRESS column.

From the foregoing it will be seen that Naphill football is bringing great credit to the Village. The boys are now playing a well thought game, which compares well with the kick and rush methods of some of their opponents. The home team are carrying all before them and are well worthy of our support, and we are pleased to see that there is usually a good crowd of supporters present to cheer them on.

Following the dismal season which our cricketers gave us last summer the success of the footballers gives us hopes for the coming season.

## ADVERTISEMENTS.

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School house.

PARSNIPS. Just the thing for  
home-made wine. 7 lbs. 2d.  
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Two dogs for sale. Small Fox  
Terriers. Dog and bitch. Five  
months old. Champion pedigree.  
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this--even if it could be only  
on loan. Gazette Office, School  
house.

For Sale. Full sized zither &  
LARGO in case. Genuine  
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Gazette Office.

For Sale. Galvanosed iron BATH.  
6 feet long. Good condition.  
Box 'C' Gazette Office.

IT PAYS TO ADVERTISE.

## WHIST DRIVES.

A very enjoyable and successful  
Whist Drive took place at the  
Hall on Saturday last, Feb. 20th.  
when 8 tables were occupied.  
These drives take place at  
frequent intervals throughout  
the winter season, and anyone  
desiring a pleasant evening  
could do nothing better than  
pay them a visit.  
Prize winners on Saturday were  
1st. Mrs. C. Ginger, 2nd. Mrs  
Pester, 3rd. Miss Smart.  
The knock-out was won by Mr  
Martin and partner.  
The Snowball at the moment of  
going to press stands at £1.  
Next Drive--March 5 (Friday)

### NOTICE

## WHIST DRIVE

AT THE NAPHILL VILLAGE HALL.  
IN AID OF THE SCHOOL WIRELESS  
FUND.

10 PRIZES.

FOLLOWED BY TEN HOURS DANCING.  
H.C. - MR. H. J. ADLAM.

SATURDAY MARCH 13TH.  
8-20 P.M.

## STOP PRESS

NAPHILL BEATEN BY STAKE RIVERS.

AFTER AN INTERESTING GAME  
AT PLUCKWELL NAPHILL LOST  
BY 4 GOALS TO 2, AFTER  
LEADING UNTIL 15 MINUTES  
FROM TIME. D. BUSBY AND D. ING  
(PENALTY) SCORED FOR NAPHILL

SNOW HEAVY SNOW AT  
NAPHILL ON SUNDAY. MANY ROADS  
BLOCKED - CATTLE SUBMERGED -  
LONDON VISITORS STRANDED.

LARGEST CIRCULATION IN THE VILLAGE

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# CONGRATULATIONS. ②

Our first issue was received in all quarters with great enthusiasm, and there have been many messages of congratulation. It is with very great pleasure that we print two of these.

Writing from Hughenden Manor, Mrs. Disraeli says "I think the little magazine is a wonderful production, and send a small donation with my best wishes."

Mr. B. Seeborn Rowntree, of North Dean writes "I have read with great interest the first number of the Naphill Gazette, and I should like to write to congratulate those responsible for its publication not only on their enterprise, but upon the excellence of the Gazette."

I know that the efforts which are being made in Naphill to stimulate the social life of the village involve a great deal of hard work for a number of people, but it is work that is well worth doing, and those who are engaged upon it must be gratified by the success which they have attained. People often complain about life in the country being dull compared with life in towns. It need not be dull if there are leaders in each locality who will develop interesting activities, as you are doing. It would be very much better for England as a whole if more people lived in

the country, and fewer of them crowded into towns. Your efforts are helping to stop the rural exodus. All power to your elbow."

For reasons of space we are unable to give other messages of appreciation and congratulation, but we would like to thank all those kind people who have expressed such sentiments. We blush profusely whenever we think of them and we are sure that we do not really deserve all of them. Nevertheless it does us good to know that our efforts are appreciated, and we shall be constantly trying to improve. When Mr. Rowntree wrote "More power to your elbow" he must have been thinking of our typewriter, but we are gradually getting into training, our muscles begin to stand out as we deliver the sledge-hammer blows needed to make the thing work, and no doubt in time we shall really get the upper hand.

WHEN YOU BUY A  
GAZETTE YOU HELP  
TO REDUCE THE  
DEBT ON THE VILLAGE  
HALL.



## WOMENS' INSTITUTE NEWS

On April 1st., a lecture demonstration on exercises for health proved to be a very popular subject, so much so that a class for such exercises has been formed, and Mrs. Geoffrey Smith is taking charge. Bravo, Mrs. Smith!

Next meeting, May 8th.  
'birds of bucks'--W.T. Brazell, Esq., C.O. Competition--best laundered table cloth. 3d parcels.

One and all should make an effort to hear about our birds of bucks. I doubt if we shall form a class this time, but to be able to classify the birds will be most interesting.

The laundered-table cloth competition will put us all on our mettle, and the 3d parcels are always great fun, so it seems that we are in for a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon.

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AND COOKED MEATS.

## FOR WOMEN IN THE HOME <sup>(3)</sup>

By "DOMESTICUS"  
A FEW HINTS.

Cooking Kippers. If half a small raw onion is placed with the fish in the frying-pan, it will absorb all the odour and will not flavour the kippers in any way.

A Breakfast Novelty. Dip a rasher in fairly thick batter and fry till golden brown on each side.

Dried Ink-Stains. Ink stains which have been allowed to dry on the material can be removed by applying Olive oil liberally leave overnight, then wash in a lather of soap flakes. Rinse thoroughly.

Dandruff. This may be cured by rubbing lemon-juice into the roots of the hair.

A Jumper Hint. If a piece of elastic is stitched at top of welt it will keep welt from stretching. Stitch with herring-bone stitch on wrong side to form a runner.

A Cure for Warts. Get a lemon and cut into small pieces. Rub the wart with one of the pieces, then throw away. Never use the same piece twice. Repeat process frequently during the day, allowing the juice to dry on.

Look out for next month's special tasty recipe!

Send a copy of "The Esquire" to your friends abroad!

## THIS BUS BUSINESS.

In our last issue, tucked away in a corner ( you may not have noticed it ) was a sly little dig at the bus company. We did not expect such quick results as we get, but it just goes to show the POWER OF THE PRESS. (Sez we )

And now that the long-ago promised change in the bus route has come it seems that not every inhabitant of our Village welcomes it with open arms. In fact quite a number of people dont like it at all, for various reasons.

If we may be permitted to say so, the change in route was long overdue. ~~Now~~ When we first came to Naphill some (?) years ago and caught the bus from High Wycombe we thought how kind it was of the bus company to treat us to a circular tour of the county. The lovely long ride almost made us forget the sevenpenny ticket. (It seemed that we got much longer rides in London for threepence!) But as the years rolled on we found that the circular tour idea palled a bit. And the time it took became a bit of a nuisance unless we remembered to take our knitting with us.

And so it came about that we, at any rate, thought that the change of route was a sign that progress was indeed pushing its way into the leafy countryside.

LET WHAT ABOUT THE TIME TABLE ?

Now, the old timetable

never was ideal. We mean that it never connected with any other bus or train or coach which we wanted to catch at the other end. Whenever and however we arrived at Wycombe from our journeyings to the distant parts of the earth, we were always sure of a good long wait for the Naphill bus. Sometimes when it did come it was full up and we could not get on, and how we cheered, for that meant another long wait. But somehow we got used to it, and if we are to go by some of the remarks we have heard just lately the old timetable was a gem to the one which they have given us now.

Now the Thames Valley Traction Company always has been mindful of the needs of the people it serves, and we feel quite sure that they will be only too pleased to rearrange their timetable if it will help us in any way.

LET WHAT DO WE WANT ?

If any of our readers have any suggestions to make (and we are sure that quite a number of them have) we ask them to write to The Editor, Naphill Gazette, School house, and we will undertake to try to find out from these letters what it is that the majority of the people really want, and moreover we shall have great pleasure in placing these wants before the Company. So ~~we~~ write and tell us what YOU think.

## BOOKS.

This month I have a book to recommend to the men readers of our Library. It is "Shoots in the wind", by Ridgewell Cullum. This is a book rather longer than the usual thriller, but with a plot well worked out and culminating in a mighty climax of hair-breadth escapes, shooting and police intervention in the last three chapters.

The outline of the story sounds usual enough--a Secret Service agent tracking down the villainous owner of a fleet of ships used for smuggling and dope traffic, but the author has made it unusually interesting by causing his hero to work for six months as an apprentice on a timber-carrying sailing ship. I found his description of the loading of the vessels with timber at an American lumber port particularly good.

It may seem to you at first that the conversation in this book is terse and the phrases somewhat clipped, but once you become accustomed to this style it seems help keep the continuity of the story going at a good pace.

And now a book that the lady readers will enjoy---"The Lucky Laurences" by Kathleen Norris. This is one of the best of the many novels written by the prolific pen of this authoress. It is a modern tale of the adventures of a family of hard-up young people who are left without parents to help them solve the difficult problems which

occur in their young lives. <sup>(5)</sup> Abigail, the daughter who assumes responsibility for her younger brothers and sisters, is a very human and lovable character, who is determined to carry on the traditions of the Great Laurences.

In the non-fiction section there is "A Thatched Roof", by Myverley Nichols which follows on his "Down the garden path". This book is delightfully written, and will please all the love rambling Tudor cottages and fragrant old-time gardens.

M.B.

Lir game hunter(in thrilling tones). "Once when I was having a meal in the jungle, a lion came so close to me that I could feel its breath on the back of my neck. What did I do?" Bored listener. "Turned your collar up".

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The bus conductor waited patiently while the old lady read laboriously through the destination board.

"Is this a barking bus", she asked at last.

"No, mum", answered the conductor with a pull at the bell-cord. "This one purrs".

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"Well, lobby, and how do you like school?"

"Closed".

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The most completely lost of all days is that on which one has not laughed. Chambers

## NAPHILL METHODIST CHURCH

A very enjoyable evening was spent on Saturday March 13th., when the Choir sang the Cantata "The Good Shepherd". It must have been very encouraging to Mr. Mead, the Conductor, to see such a good crowd in the audience. The singing of a Sacred Cantata was a new thing for the Choir, but a glance at the faces of the audience showed that the choruses solos and quartets were well appreciated. The tenor and bass solos were beautifully sung by Mr. H. Mead and Mr. Whitney, and two particularly tuneful solos well rendered by Mrs. J. Ginger pleased the audience immensely. Mr. F. Lacey proposed a vote of thanks to the soloists, the organist (Miss A. Brown) and the Conductor, and appealed for new members for the Choir. Nearly seventy stayed to the supper in the Schoolroom and thoroughly enjoyed the menu, especially the trifles at the end.

On Sunday March 14th., the weather was really the worst ever experienced on a Choir Sunday, and it was really surprising that so many turned out to the services. Although the congregations were not so large as usual there were quite large gatherings in the afternoon and evening.

The preacher was the Rev. N. Renshaw of Marlow. For many people this was the first opportunity they had had of hearing this enthusiastic young

minister, but as he is staying at Marlow for another year we hope to have him at Naphill

again.

Miss W. Smith gave two solos at each service, her beautiful rich voice seeming to fill the Chapel. The Choir sang selections from the Cantata at each service.

The next special day will be the Sunday School Anniversary on May 9th. Practices for this will begin immediately.

M. B

## THE VILLAGE HALL

The Annual General Meeting of the Village Hall has been fixed for April 15 when all who are interested in the running of the hall are invited to come along and hear the reports of the Secretary and Treasurers. The meeting will commence at 8-30 p.m. This is the one opportunity in the year when the general public may go along and say just what they think of what has been done in the past year and what ought to be done in future. It is always very difficult, if not impossible to please everybody, and the difficulty is increased when folks do not take the trouble to attend the Annual Meeting and say what they want. We therefore hope that there will be a full meeting on the 15th., and that those who have any criticism to make will not be afraid to make it.

The various bodies which nominate members on the Village Hall Council are asked to do so right away.

## IN THE GARDEN IN APRIL

Last month I began these notes by daring to suggest that blizzards, rains and snows had finished for this winter. Immediately we were treated to quite a large allowance of each and all of these; so that by Easter the ground was still not really fit for seed-sowing or even digging. This is going to put us all a week or two behind, but with the warmer weather (dare I say it?) and longer evenings coming along we shall be able to get right down to it in an effort to make up for lost time.

Let, turnip, lettuce, carrot, spinach and the like can now all go in, and beans and peas. Some of us who have green-houses prefer to bring the beans along in boxes for transplanting later. With regard to potatoes I think that a week or two spent in getting them well 'sprouted' is always well spent. There is really no advantage in putting them into cold damp soil where they are quite likely to rot, whereas if they are well sprouted they can go right away especially if the soil has had time to warm up a bit. By the way, push off all but the two sturdiest sprouts if you want good yields, too many sprouts only mean a good show of haulm.

Narrow beds and celery trenches can also be got under way, remembering that celery

can do with all the manure we can give it.

Among the flowers, sow annuals where intended to flower, and pansies, primulas and pinks. In suitable weather stocks, carnations, hollyhocks and antirrhinums can be transplanted, giving them some slight cover against the sun by day and possible frosts by night.

There is an idea floating round the Village that a fruit and vegetable Show could be held later on in the season, together with a competition for the ordinary back-garden man to see who makes the best use of the normal sized garden. If any of our readers are interested in this perhaps they would drop a line to the Editor some time during the month. Nothing is fixed yet, and it depends on whether there is sufficient interest in the scheme as to whether or not we shall try to carry it out.

## SWING - TIME

The swings which have been presented by Mr. D. Brown were formally declared 'open' on Easter Saturday afternoon, by Dr and Mrs. Layley. Dr. Layley voiced the thanks of everyone to Mr. Brown in a witty speech, while Mr. Brown, in reply, said that it gave his wife and himself a great deal of pleasure to be able to do something for the children. The assembled company, led by Mr. Adam, gave three hearty cheers for Dr. and Mrs. Layley and Mr. and Mrs. Brown.



## NOT SARSENS

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IN CORNWALL are to be found boulders and blocks of sand which are called Sarsens, or Greyweathers. These have no relation to the rock and strata of the district, but geologists tell us that they were carried there by glaciers during the Ice Age and deposited in the district. Now geologists are very clever at reading the riddle of the rocks and deposits on the earth's surface, but when they tell us that the sandstone of Walters Ash is sarsens, glacier-carried boulders, then they are wrong. Chalk, clay, brick earth and sandstone, that is the sequence over an unimaginable period of time during which the earth's surface was built up and washed away again.

In the warm shallows of a sea that human eyes never gazed on teeming life builds up the chalk. Later the floor of the sea emerges, and dry land, with strange reptiles appears. Later still comes the Ice Age. Great glaciers are formed. They move rocks beneath their tremendous weight, and grind the granite into clay. They cover the site of the once-warm sea and the land where the Sabretoothed Tiger roamed. Again there is slow change. In the short summers the ice begins to melt, till only the Welsh and Scotch mountains remain covered with snow and ice. The glaciers leave the chalk covered with boulder clay.

Every Spring the melting snow sends torrents of water from the hills, cutting channels through the clay, and bringing sand. In the summer the beds of the water courses are a beautiful white sand. Round the bends of the channels the spring torrents make great whirlpool pot holes, which remain full of water in summer when the bed of the stream is dry. Next spring, when the torrent flows again the sand and the clay of the banks are washed into the pot holes, the sand being separated from the clay by the centrifugal force of the whirling water. The centre of the pool is a nucleus of clean washed sand, and the water is thick with a muddy clay silt, free of the stones which have sunk to the bottom. The next spring the torrent has again changed its course, the bend is washed away, the site of the pot hole is covered with refuse of the bank, and another pot hole is being bored in the channel further downstream.

Agonies pass. Stone Age man appears. He comes from the East and the South across what is now the English Channel and North Sea. He has, like the wolves, followed the migrating deer going ever northward as the ice recedes. The Welsh mountains are being disintegrated by frost, sun and water. The rivers cut great valleys, the river deltas build up the land.

Come men who raised Stonehenge. Come early Britons, come Romans, Danes, Saxons, and the early mixture. The seventeenth, eighteenth, nineteenth century, and men are cutting stones and making bricks. They dig out the clay and break the boulders.

# SCHOOL NEWS.

The alteration in the bus service deprives us of our seven friends from Bradenham. We shall miss them.

Examinations just before the end of the Easter term made the last week a very busy one. We got the usual crop of interesting answers, and among them were the following :-

"We waved to the boat till we were out of earshot".

"Aspect means when you think someone is coming".

Sir Francis Drake was playing bowls...."

"Henry VIII had six wives, three Annes, two Katharines, and a Jane".

"The largest British fishing port is Brixton."

The examination results showed that Maud Abbey is top of the School with a fine percentage of marks--90%. Other results were as follows:-

St.7. 1.Maud Abbey  
2.Deryl Shrimpton  
3.John Goodchild

St.8. 1.Ronald Huesey  
2.Freda Ansell  
3.Dennis Pipe

St.5. 1.Louie Goodchild  
2.Desmond Braisher  
3.Frederick Leale

St.4. 1.Norman Smith  
2.Arenda Luesey  
3.Ronald Lacey

St.3. 1.Morah Oxlade  
2.Donald Goodchild  
3.Maurice White

St. 2.1.Elsie Aristow  
2.Norman Lacey  
3.Tony Lawrence

St.1. 1.Peter Hings  
2.Joan Larber  
3.Irene Aristow

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wireless set. The whist drive on March 20 was a great success, andn our fund(thanks also to Mr. Bayley and Mrs. Cakeshott, who gave handsome donations) now stands at £10. We are very grateful to all those kind people who have helped us to achieve this fine result. The new set will be in full use for the beginning of the Summer (?) term.

We still have quite a number of children writing to and hearing from children at the State School at Lughenden, Queensland, Australia. The bright letters from down below, telling of the intense heat of the Australian summer have taken some of the chill out of the classroom.

The School is very badly in need of some cricket bats for the coming season. Actually we possess 1½ bats, and we have no money for buying more. Has anyone an old bat or two lying about that they could let us have? The boys would be grateful.

On March 19 every child between the ages of 10 and 12 sat for the Scholarship Exam, whether they stood a chance or not. One of our group was in St.2 while another, aged 10 was in St. 4. We shall hear sometime in June whether we have won any scholarships. If by any chance we do, I think a holiday would be a good idea. But with many thousands all trying for the few scholarships--what hopes?

## 'NOT SARSENS' (CONTINUED)

The centre of the boulder is often soft with a beautiful washed sand. It has not hardened to the centre. The men find that they are digging out a hole, the sides of which are no good for brick. They come to the bottom, they have cleaned it out, and the pot hole is empty.

This, then, is where the geologists are wrong. The Sarsen is a boulder carried a great distance from its parent sandstone strata by glacial action. The Walters Ash stone was formed where it was found. The pot hole theory is borne out by the brick clay found in the same hole, both being deposited at the same time by water action. In the woods one can still find traces of the sandy water channels. It is the same sand, but mixed with a fine clay silt which makes it unfit for commercial purposes, but the most of it has disappeared through denudation.

Thus we pry into the old earth's secrets, and the Great Lord God is very pleased to find his creatures doing so, but we did not hear what He said. Was it "Guessed right", or was it "Guess again"?

'COURIER'

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(SEE NEXT COLUMN)

OPEN MEETING AT THE VILLAGE HALL ON TUESDAY APRIL 13<sup>th</sup> AT 8.15 AM. TO DISCUSS CELEBRATIONS. THIS IS YOUR CHANCE - SO COME ALONG!

## CORONATION.

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Are we to celebrate or are we not? There seems to be some doubt on the subject at the moment. Or perhaps we would be more correct if we said that most of the villagers would say ~~YES~~ YES to the question, but when asked to work on the job they would say NO.

Now why is this? Is it because the same people get saddled with the donkey work every time there is any to be done?

And do they want to sing 'Empty Saddles' while they have a rest this time?

Or do they want to go and enjoy the fun being provided by other greater and more ambitious bodies, say at Wycombe or further afield?

Or, again, do they feel that to spend hundreds of thousands of pounds from rates and taxes (as is being done in big cities) on flag waving is wrong when we have 1½ million unemployed (each to receive an extra 2/6 in Coronation week), Distressed Areas, and the like?

We leave the questions with our readers.

Two men found that they each had a number of pennies in their pockets, whereupon one said to the other: "I'll toss you for a penny. If I win I shall have twice as many as you. If I lose we shall each have the same number". How many pennies did each man have? See back page for answer.

## A LETTER TO THE EDITOR

(We print this letter exactly as it was received. Ed.)

Dear Sir,

I have read your paper and would like to make a few suggestions. First of all you wants somebody that nose how to spell. Look at the way you spells 'galvanosed', in your advert. I always thought it was galvernised! You says you wants a better type writer. I say you dont. Judging by your first issue what you want is a tripe writer. Again yore language in the adverts is not fit for pure minded people to see. I dont think 'bitch' is a nice word to print. Personally I think your paper would be better printed in black ink on black paper and first soaked in petrol. It might be useful to lite the fire. I nose one or two peopul what might buy that pram you advertised but I aint saying anything about the bath. In your paper you says 'The greater the fool the better the dancer'. You blames ar look for that remark. Is he a waphill man? Judging by that I must be wonderfull clever. Also I nose one or two good dancers. I aint saying any more. The price of yore paper is high, but as I share the cost withikey loses and two scotch peepul what lives near me I can just manage it.

Yours trooly,

A CONSTANT READER.

## TENNIS CLUB. ①

### END OF WINTER SEASON.

The final Social of the Tennis Club's winter season was held on Thursday March 25th and there is no doubt that it was very successful. The hall was crowded to capacity and the run was fast and furious right to the finish. The music was provided by two pianos ably played by Mr. Adam and Mr. E. Neighbour and the dancers allowed these two gentlemen very little rest throughout the evening. During the interval Mr. Alan Shrimpton made a presentation to Mr. Adam on behalf of the Committee in appreciation of the great amount of work he had put in during the winter to make the Socials the success which they undoubtedly have been. Mr. Adam, very much taken by surprise, thanked the Committee for their kindness. Two days later Mr. G. Stevens presented Mrs. Adam with a hot water bottle on behalf of some of the members, to show that they appreciated her generosity in allowing Mr. Adam to be out late so many nights running socials.

The Tennis Club Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday April 7 at 8 p.m. when Officers and Committee for the coming year will be elected, and after the business there will be a dance.

It is hoped that the court will be in full working order by the end of this month at the latest and there is still the possibility of a second court.

# SPORT

## FOOTBALL SEASON ENDING.

In the past month, with only a few matches remaining to be played, Naphill United have had varying fortune, but on the whole they have maintained the high standard of football which they set up in the early part of the season.

On March 8th the first XI visited Colehill and registered one of the most convincing wins of the season. Although Colehill were leading by 1-0 at half time, when the final whistle blew the score was 5 goals to 1 in Naphill's favour. Scorers:-G. Brown(2), D. Ing (2) and R. Lacey.

On March 18th the first team visited Crockham Dean and with only ten men were no match for the home team, who won by 5 goals to nil.

Loudwater visited Naphill on March 20th., when our first XI beat them easily by 9 goals to 1. Scorers:- G. Brown (2), R. Busby (2), D. Busby (2), D. Ing and R. Lacey.

On the same dates the reserve team lost against Hughenden Valley (3-1), lost against Hazlemere Reserves(1-0) and beat Electric Light by 10-3.

## BILLIARDS

Our prize of half a crown for the biggest break made last month was won by Mr. R. Piercy, with a break of 78. His opponent was A. Parslow, and the steward was Mr. W. Pearson.

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## EDITORIAL

Our last issue was sold right out. In fact we could have sold another 50 copies, but we just had not got them. We offer our sincerest apologies to all those who were disappointed. This time we have printed more copies (how our arm aches) and we hope we have been able to meet the demand. But to avoid risk of further disappointment we do urge our readers to send in the Reservation form below.

Readers will be interested to know that copies of THE GAZETTE are being sent regularly to friends of readers in New Zealand, Ireland and various parts of this country. We are putting Waphill on the map.

Since we last appeared the situation with regard to the bus service seems to have advanced a stage. Now that the new route has had time to settle down the great majority of the people are well satisfied with it, in fact of late we have heard nothing but fears that they might revert to the old route. There is a rumour going round that the new route will be scrapped in May because the Company is losing money nowadays. An official of the Company assured us that the new timetable must run for at least six months before the Ministry of Transport will sanction any change. This seems a very sensible idea

as far as we can see. After we might as well try the thing out well before scrapping it.

The Annual Village meeting in connection with the Village Hall was a disappointment. The weather was not too good, but we have seen much worse. Barely a handful of non committee people turned up. We heard nothing of the grouses and grumbles that have been freely expressed from time to time. Nobody wanted to tell the committee off for what they had or had not done during the past year, and there were no instructions for the coming year. So the committee have done and can do no wrong.

On the other hand the Coronation meeting was a success, and it was possible to elect a working committee ~~who~~ have certainly been busy since. There is other Coronation news on another page of this issue.

With nothing to go on but rumours (and we have heard at least a dozen--all different) it is difficult to pass comment on what appears to be the breaking up of the Lughenden estate. We think that most of our readers will agree that though such a step may be inevitable it is none the less to be deplored.

And we are still struggling with this same old typewriter, but we need not have told you that.

*You'll find the Reservation form on another page.*

# CORONATION DAY PROGRAMME.

FREE TEA FOR ALL : CONCERT : DANCING :  
BONFIRE : FANCY DRESS : SPORTS : ETC.

## TIME-TABLE OF EVENTS.

2-30 p.m. Fancy Dress Parade people get ready at the School.

3-0 p.m. Fancy Dress Assembly at Playing Field entrance.

A short Parade of the Village.

3-30. Tea in the Village Hall for Old People of 65 and over. Absolutely FREE.

& 4-0 Children's Tea in the Village Hall. Free to all children.

FREE Running buffet Tea for everybody else.

4-30 Presentations.

Sports till 7-30.

7-30 Concert in the Village Hall. King's Speech by wireless. Admission Free.

10-0 bonfire in Playing Field.

1030 till 12. Dancing in the Village Hall. Admission Free.

It will be seen the the Coronation Committee have got together a most excellent programme for the the day of national rejoicing. It simply remaining for the people to come out and enjoy themselves thoroughly.

There is free tea for everybody. First of all the older ones will have their sit down in the Hall, to be followed by the children. Meanwhile all those who are neither old people nor children will be served from the running buffet. Everybody will be welcome.

Adequate provision has been made for prizes for Sports and Fancy Dress. Money prizes to the value of £3 will be available for each of these events.

The King's speech will be heard during the Concert, from the latest 6-valve Marconi wireless set. The concert will also include a number of events that all may join in.

So there you are, people. Make the great day your great day. Let yourselves ~~have~~ go.

## MAY IN THE GARDEN.

There is no doubt about it, most of us are going to be a bit late with things this year. With all the rain that we have had digging has been impossible for the greater part of April, and if we do get anything in the shape of a dry spell we shall have to go full steam ahead to get those potatoes in. There is one thing about it, if we have had all the rain we are going to get ( and I should think we have ) we may hope for a reasonably fine summer and we shall not get so much disease in the spuds this autumn.

We shall have to see about planting out the greens, brussels sprouts, cabbage, kale, and so on. Mine are just showing in the seed bed, so in about a fortnight they will be ready. Its a good plan to give the ground a dusting of lime, greens thrive on it, and it does keep a few of the slugs away too. And lime is cheap enough I find. (It must be the one thing that they do not need in the re-armament business).

Club root is the devil on my land. I am told that there is no cure for it short of leaving the land idle for about five years and giving it loads of lime, but I can't spare the ground, so this year I am going to try out a scheme I saw in operation many years ago in one of the market gardens for which Middlesex was then well known. You mix up in a jar some

soot, lime, and earth, about equal quantities of each, if I remember, add some water and stir till it looks like a thick dark cocoa. Then each plant as it is taken from the seed bed is dipped in the mixture (root end in) before planting out. I dont know, but it might be worth the trouble.

Beans and peas are now well away, and my marrow plants ( in the green house ) will be ready for the beds as ~~has~~ soon as the beds are ready for them.

Among the flowers we can soon begin lifting up the bulbs and get the space ready for the annuals. We must not be in too much of a hurry to put out the more tender plants because there might be a late frost. There was one last Whit Monday that put the tin hat on a row of my runner beans. So take it easy.

This is the month to catch the caterpillars on the goose berry and currant bushes. The only way to deal with these fellows is to pick them off by hand. Then drop them into a jar of paraffin.

### HELPING THE HOSPITAL.

The School children have just started collecting the coupons which appear daily in the "Daily Mirror", each of which is worth one-tenth of a penny when presented to any hospital. Our children are collecting them for the High Wycombe hospital.

## WEDDING.

### WATSON : AVERY.

The wedding took place at Hughenden Church on Saturday April 24 th., between Mr. Ronald Watson, of Louches Lane, and Miss Habel Avery, of Moseley Cottages. The bridegroom well known as an employee of Mr. C. Biggs of Naphill Farm, and the bride, the ever-smiling assistant at Smart's Stores are both deservedly popular in the Village, and the Church was thronged with well-wishers on this sunny afternoon.

The bride was charmingly attired in blue, and was attended by two maids, Miss Elsie Anderson (cousin of the bride) and Miss Margaret Watson (sister of the groom) who wore pink crepe. The bride carried a shower bouquet of pink roses while the bridesmaids wore crystal necklets, the gift of the bridegroom.

Mr. Smith carried out the duties of best man, and the ceremony was performed by Rev. A. J. Lee, Rector of Talley, Oxford, an uncle of the groom. Her uncle, Mr. Taylor, of Oxbridge gave the bride away.

After the ceremony a large number of guests assembled at St Michael's, where the toast of 'The bride and bridegroom' was given by Rev. A. J. Lee. Each responded amid great enthusiasm.

Later, the happy couple, recipients of 80 presents both beautiful and useful, were given a hearty send-off when they started for their honeymoon to be spent at Bottinham.

## NAPHILL METHODIST CHURCH.

The Sunday School Anniversary Services at the Methodist Church will be held on May 19 th. The bright Anniversary hymns sung during the day and the part played by the Sunday School scholars at each of the three services in reciting and singing always makes these festival days very enjoyable.

Mr. Busbey of Slough who conducts the services is an interesting speaker. He has several times taken similar services at Downley but this will be his first visit to Naphill.

We are pleased to hear that our Minister, Rev. H. Binks who recently underwent an eye operation is very much better and will soon be able to come to Naphill again.

### Physical Training.

There is a possibility that there will be Physical Training classes held in the Village hall during the coming winter, for ladies, or gentlemen, or both (separately, of course). The classes would be taken by fully-qualified experts, and would cost 2/6 per person for a course of 24 evenings. Anyone who is interested should get in touch with H. J. Adam, School House, Naphill as soon as possible, as arrangements take some time to make.



## "CORONACION."

Samuel Pepys saw the Coronation of Charles II on April 23<sup>rd</sup>., 1661, and in his diary gives a full description of the procession and ceremonies which were very similar to those of which we shall read at the Coronation of King George VI, with one exception--the banquet which was held in Westminster Hall. Being Secretary to the Navy, and having influential friends Samuel was able to get into the Abbey and Westminster Hall, and the following extracts from his diary give a vivid description of Coronation Day as he saw it.

"April 22. The King's going from the Tower to Whitehall; up early and made myself as fine as I could, and put on my velvet coat, the first that I had put it on though made half a year ago. And being ready we went to Mr. Young's, the Flagmaker in Cornhill. and there we had a good room to ourselves with wine and cake, and saw the show very well. In which it is impossible to describe the glory of this day expressed in the clothes of them that ride and their horses and horsecloth. Both the King and the Duke of York took notice of us as they saw us at the window. The streets all gravelled, and the houses hung with carpets and the ladies out of the windows. So glorious was the show with gold and silver that we were not able to look at it --our eyes at last being so much overcome.

April 23. About 4 I rose

and got to the Abbey, where I followed Sir J. Denham with some company he was leading in, and with much ado did get up into a great scaffold across the north end of the Abbey, where with a great deal of patience I sat from past 4 till eleven when the King came in. I went out a little while before the King had done all his ceremonies, and went round the Abbey to Westminster Hall, all the way within rayles and ten thousand people, with the ground covered with blue cloth and scaffolds (stands) all the way. And the King came in with his crowns on and his sceptre in his hand. And after a long time he got up to the further end, and all set themselves down at their several tables, and that was also a brave sight.

And many fine ceremonies there was, but above all was the three Lords coming before the courses on horseback and staying so all dinner time, and at last bringing up the Dymock the King's champion with his spear and his targett carried before him. And a herald proclaims that if any dare deny Charles Stuart to be the lawful King of England, here was a champion who would fight with him. I went from table to table to see the Bishops, and all others at their dinner and was infinitely pleased with it. And at the Lords' table I met with William Howe, and he spoke to my Lord for me, and he did give him four rabbits and a pullet, and we got some bread, and so we sat at a stall eating it, as did everybody else what they could get. About six at night they

## CORONACION - CONTINUED

had dined and I took my wife to a xeyard where there were three great bonfires and a great many gallants, men and women, and they laid hold of us, and would have us drink the King's health kneeling upon a faggot, which we all did, they all drinking to us one after another, which we thought a strange frolic.

At last I sent my wife to bed, and we others went in with Mr. Thornbury, he being yeoman to the winecellar of the King, and we drank the King's health till one of the gentlemen fell down stark drunk. I then went to Mr. Shopley's lodging but no sooner abed but my head began to turn, and I to vomit, after which I fell asleep and slept till morning. Waked in the morning with my head in a sad turning through last night's drink which I am very sorry for. So rose and went out with Mr. Creed and did drink my morning draught with chocolate to settle my stomach.

Now after all this, I can say that I may now shut my eyes nor for the future trouble myself to see things of state and shows, as being sure never to see the like again in this world."

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'Gazette' to your  
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## VILLAGE HALL AND PLAYING FIELD.

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ALL SORTS.

PRIZES GALORE.

TEAS AT POPULAR PRIZES.

CRICKET MATCH  
NAPHILL v DOWNLEY

DANCE IN THE  
EVENING.

## ODDS AND ENDS

As briefly recorded in our last issue the prize of half a crown for the best billiards break in March was won by Mr Ren Piercy. When our representative called on Mr Piercy with congratulations and the halfcrown he waved the former away, modestly (but held on to the cash). When asked how he would spend this small fortune Mr. Piercy looked serious for a minute, and then said--"Come along to the Canteen and hear the corks pop!"

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Naphill does not care very much for General Meetings. We have heard that the Men's Club have called three to try and get a Committee, but were luckless each time. The whole assembly for the Cricket Clubs A.G.M. were able to spread themselves out in one of these little rooms behind the stage at the Village Hall. One of the many Vice Presidents had the temerity to turn up, but right in the middle of the meeting he remembered that he had not sent in his subscription last year and had an attack of vapours. A very pleasant event was the presentation to Mr. Leslie Brown of the ball, suitably inscribed and mounted, with which he took all ten wickets in a match last summer. That must have been the match we won.

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What a wonderfully virile

crowd the Naphill Tennis Club are? After a very busy and successful winter season they set about putting the court in order and set about playing like --blazes, but they then fix up a coach load to go up to the London Palladium on May 7th, and then foolw it up by arranging a Midnight Ramble. They are Setting out one Saturday night in June, climbing up Goble Hill or whatever it is called, near Wendover, to see the sun rise, having breakfast at Princes Risborough, and coming home by train. Full details will be published in our June issue. Meanwhile, if you would like to take a ramble with them at midnight just send your name along to H.J. Adam so that we know how many breakfasts we shall have to order.

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### RESERVATION FORM.

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SCHOOL HOUSE  
NAPHILL.

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## SCHOOL NEWS

We now have our School Wireless Set and it is working well. It really is a fine piece of work and once again we thank all those who in any way helped us to get it. At present we take two lessons each week from the air, one on Science and Gardening, and the other on Biology.

Mrs. Disraeli paid her annual visit to the School last month and inspected the Needlework. This is always a great occasion for the girls and this year the prize winners were Beryl Shrimpton, Christine Monger, Freda Ansell and Hazel Kinch. The children showed their appreciation of Mrs. Disraeli's generosity 'in the usual manner'!

An interesting point just now at School is that we have exactly 100 pupils, 50 boys and 50 girls. Four years ago there was quite a large majority of girls, but each year the number of boys has increased until at last they are equal. Looking ahead we should have a good football team in 1971.

The great thing nowadays in Schools is Physical Training. We are fortunate in having a weekly visit now from Mr. Tompkins, an expert in such matters, who comes to give some of the children special up-to-date lessons.

Brisk work is being done in the School gardens and greenhouse. We have a fine lot of Carters special Sweet Pea plants each in a separate carton, some of which we shall have to spare

for sale at 1d each. It will be a case of first come first served. There will also very soon be ready a fine selection of Marrow plants. We bring them along in the greenhouse in large pots until you can almost see the bloom buds--then when they are planted out they are well ahead and we get marrows early. There will be some for sale at 1d each. All proceeds go towards reducing the debt on the greenhouse.

Plans are arranged for a day trip to the Zoo in June for 36 of the older ones.

We are very sorry to know that we shall not see Mr. Dewhurst's cheery smile any more. He has been put in charge of another area. The task of being an Attendance Officer is not all roses, but Mr. Dewhurst did it thoroughly without causing any of that animosity for which, years ago, the 'School Board Man' was noted for.

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## FOR THE HOUSEWIFE by "DOMESTICUS"

My rather mixed bag of household hints last month turned out to be so popular that I am giving you another lot this month, hoping that perhaps some of them may one day be of some use to you. I promised you last month that I would give you a super-recipe, but unfortunately it is not to hand just now, and the Editor will not wait, so I must strain every nerve to get it for next month.

Now for the hints. I have mixed them up as much as I can, that is to say they deal with as many subjects as I can think of.

(1) If you happen to make a rice pudding on washing day do not throw away the water in which the rice has been cooked. It makes an excellent stiffening for light muslin articles and handkerchiefs. (Personally I dare not make a rice pudding any day, but your husband might like one.)

(2) Did you know that if you dissolve a lump of sugar in the water when you are washing linen that you will get a really excellent polish?

(3) When boiling a cracked egg put a little drop of vinegar in the water, only a teaspoon full is needed, and the egg will not ooze out of the shell. I tried this the other day with an egg which I had dropped in the fireplace

and it worked marvellously.

(4) Here is a hint for washing day. If you put a piece of lard about the size of a walnut to the boiling water with which you make starch, it will prevent the iron sticking and give your linen an excellent gloss.

(5) And now for my last hint, a real "houseworky" one. Next time you polish your stove, just rub it over first of all with a cloth moistened with vinegar. It will shift all the grease in no time, and leave a surface just right for the polish.

And that's all there is for this month, but just before I stop, don't forget the Womens Institute meeting on Thursday next, May 6th., when we shall have a talk on the many beautiful birds which we see here in Bucks.

## WHIST DRIVE.

The Village Hall Whist Drives continue to be more popular than ever. On Saturday April 24 no less than ten and a half tables were needed. Another Drive has been fixed for Saturday next, May 6th, at 1 30-20 p.m., when a large gathering is expected. Money voucher prizes.

## BOWLS

Will all those ladies and gentlemen interested in the formation of a bowls club in Naphill please get in touch with the Editor, School House. A lawn has been placed at our disposal for the purpose.



## SPORTS.

# NAPHILL WIN THE CUP !

LANE END BEATEN TO A FRAZZLE !

Playing before a large crowd on the Wycombe Wanderers ground on Friday April 23 rd, Naphill Minors put Naphill well and truly on the map by beating Lane End Minors by 4 goals to 1. And what a victory ! It must be years since Wycombe saw such tip-top football. (The man next to me said it was nearly as good as watching Brentford).

Right from the start Naphill went for goal, and but for the excellence of the Lane End goalkeeper they would have scored a brace in the first few minutes. It was all Naphill. Kicking, passing, tackling, in every department of the game they were superb. Twenty minutes from the start Mines beat about five Lane End men and took the ball right along to the goal and put it into the net with a real snorter. A quarter of an hour later Naphill's bustling centre forward put in a beautiful shot just as he was being charged over, and in the 40th minute Mines shot the third goal, receiving a fine pass from Bowell. Half-time came with Naphill leading by three clear goals. So far it had been Naphill all the way, with Lane End filling

in a few spaces here and there.

The second half opened with the other side playing much better than before. Our boys seemed to have eased up a bit with the exception of the goalkeeper, which was a blessing, because for a time it looked as though the game was going the wrong way for us. In fact it came as no surprise when Lane End scored a very good goal after 15 minutes to bring the score to 3-1. Naphill's bad patch continued a little longer and the ball was in their net again, but the whistle had gone for an infringement. Then the play began to get a little rough, and shortly after G. Brown had put in a cannon-ball shot which only just missed, one or two of the other side clustered round the aforementioned center forward, Dennis Brown, and said things to him about something which they didn't like. However the Referee took matters in hand and we saw no more roughness. In the last minute of the match Lancaster scored for Naphill and the whistle went with the Score 4-1 in their favour.

Congratulations to all our boys. Well done, everybody ! With the honour of the Village at stake they did right well.

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Your old friend who used to  
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what's happening there nowa-  
days. Send him a copy of the  
Naphill Gazette and he will  
bless you.

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hand-bags, eye-glasses, etc.,  
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hand tools ground, at The  
Repair Shop, Naphill Cottage.

## STOP PRESS

At their meeting on  
Thursday April 20 th., the  
Village hall Council decided  
that, in view of the  
Coronation celebrations the  
Annual Whit-Monday Fete would  
be postponed. Watch out for  
the new date in next month's  
Gazette.

# NAPHILL GAZETTE

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## MEMORIES OF HUCKLEBERRY

### FINN

In the B.B.C. "I knew a man" series Sir Ian MacAlister paid an eloquent and delightful tribute to the late Samuel Clemens (Mark Twain), the author of "Tom Sawyer" and "Huckleberry Finn". Sir Ian told us that "Tom Sawyer is the tale of Mark Twain's own boyhood, and described "Huckleberry Finn" as an epic of the Mississippi Valley. I revelled in these two books when a boy, and last winter, reading of the floods in the Mississippi Valley reminded me of Huckleberry, and I got the books down from the shelves, and revelled in them again.

They are surely the finest books of boys' adventures ever written and as English as the River Thames. The Scotch are in Eastern Canada, the Irish in New York, English and Welsh in the Southern States, descendants of people who settled in Georgia and in Mark Twain's boyhood speaking the language of our grandparents. Tom was brought up and mothered by his aunt; Listen to her.

"Hang the boy, can't I never leave anything? Aint he played me tricks enough like that for me to be looking out for him by this time? But old fools is the biggest fools there is. He 'peers to know just how long he can torment me before I gets my dander up, and he knows that if he can make me laugh it's all down again, and I can't hit him a lick!"

Parents of well-Behaved children might not like their

boys to read "Tom Sawyer", he becomes the friend and companion of Huck Finn, son of the town drunkard, hated and dreaded by the mothers of the town because their children admired him and delighted to be in his company. But it was Tom who led Huck Finn into adventures. Huck knew nothing about pirates till Tom taught him, but it was Huck who taught Tom's gang of pirates to smoke, and we are thankful for it, for we laughed till we cried. And when the town thought that Tom's gang had all been drowned in the river, and they all turned up at the memorial service, we cried with him and laughed again.

(to be continued)

"COURIER"

### HELPING THE HOSPITAL.

The School children have already collected nearly 300 "Daily Mirror" coupons for the High Wycombe Hospital. Each of these is worth one tenth of a penny. If YOU take the "Daily Mirror" will you send six coupons along to the School? Every coupon helps.

### WEDDING BELLS.

Many of our readers will be interested to hear that Mr. Eric Neighbour, whose pain-playing has been many times enjoyed at the Village Hall, is to be married on Saturday June 5th., at Twickenham to Miss K. Mente. We take this opportunity of wishing them all future happiness.

## TENNIS CLUB NOTES

We had a bit of bother getting our Tennis court ready mainly on account of the post-irons being cracked when the roller went over them by accident. We bought a new net, and have managed to fix the posts up for the time being, so that play is going on now every night when it does not rain.

A very jolly party went to the Palladium last month, a few days before the Coronation, so we saw the decorations as well as Jack Hylton. Arriving home at 2 next morning some of us were a little bleary-eyed, but we were all up bright and early in the morning (or were we?)

Don't forget the Midnight Ramble on Saturday night June 26th. We meet outside the Village Hall at 11 o'clock, bringing with us a mack in case there is a heavy dew, and something to nibble in case we get hungry watching the dawn from Coombe Hill (not Coombe Lane). It should be good fun and something out of the ordinary for most people, and anyone may come along and join in. Oh, and by the way, leave your high-heeled shoes at home.

It is proposed to run a day trip to Brighton on Saturday in July. Any one who would like to come along please get in touch with Mrz. Adlam, at School House.

Schoolboy Howler. "The two most important parts of the eye are the mote and the beam".

## HUGHENDEN FETE.

In aid of Church funds a Garden fete is to be held in the grounds of Hughenden Manor on Saturday July 24 in the afternoon. There will be a large number of stalls and sideshows, a concert and Country Dancing. Our readers will no doubt welcome the opportunity once again of visiting the lovely grounds surrounding the Manor.

## TENNIS CLUB.

There is room for a few more members of either sex in the Club, and in response to enquiries we are asked to announce that the Membership Fee is 3/- per member, which covers play right through the season, including entry for the Champoinship tournaments. Members should hand in their subscriptions without delay to Mrs. Bell, the Club Treasurer, of Stocking Lane.

FROM SOME RECENT EXAMINATION PAPERS (not at our Schdol).

"Cromwell prohibited all amusements such as gambling and even swearing."

"Nelson was the son of a vicar, thus showing what a man can do when he wants".

"From his early days Gladstone was doomed to be a politician".



# CORONATION

## REVIEW

The Committee which organised our Coronation Celebrations deserve all the thanks we can give them. They did a big job thoroughly and well. The only thing that went wrong was no job of theirs-- the weather in the evening. But the rain damped nobody's spirits.

The Fancy Dress Parade was the best we have seen in Naphill ever, and was all the better for working to a scheme rather than leaving the whole thing haphazard. The costumes and other decorative effects shewed very plainly that a great deal of thought had been put into them, and without exception all those who 'fancy dressed' are congratulated. One thing only we missed, and that was a May Queen, or a Coronation Queen. Surely there are many 'lovelies' in Naphill who could have filled this role. Perhaps we shall have a May Queen Coronation next year.

With free tea for everybody there was a stack of work to be done beforehand in the way of spreading butter and the like. Our representative looking in at the Hall shortly after half-past-eight that morning saw a wonderful sight. A mighty band of helpers all working at full speed made the Hall into a veritable hive of industry. The actual serving of teas went off without a hitch the only bother being that of refusing the money that some

some grateful people would insist on offering. Mrs. Calverly most graciously distributed the spoons, and very fine spoons they were, much better than those distributed to the children of a nearby Important Place.

The bonfire took a lot of building, and here again there was no lack of labour. The spectacle of Mr. Knox well up at the top of it being peated with bushes from below was well worthy of record, but our Staff Photographer was elsewhere.

The sports in the afternoon were great fun, and the ominous creaks from the rope when the ladies were having a tug-of-war had to be heard to be believed.

And then came the rain, and with it the Pennies from Heaven, for everyone who could get into the Hall got in and they sang and they sang and they sang. Then the children told us all about their dogs, all called Fido, Mr Biggs played on his bones, Mr Oakeshott sang about his lovely Annie Laurie, John Ellis played the organ, and Mr Grimsdell delighted us all with song and poetry.

The King's Speech we all heard quite well through the medium of the School Wireless set.

Then the bonfire which was not so hot as they say on the films, and then the dancing till midnight, which was hot, especially for the pianist. And so to bed after a day of days.

God Save The King.

FOR  
THE WIFE IN THE HOME

BY  
"DOMESTICUS"

Here at last is the recipe I promised you. Do try it, I know you will like it, to say nothing of the children. Make a large quantity, I know it keeps well, if necessary.

DATE Squares.

Ingredients.

- 1 cup coarse oatmeal (or  $\frac{1}{2}$  oat meal and  $\frac{1}{2}$  Quaker oats)
- 1 cup S.R. flour
- $\frac{1}{2}$  lb. butter
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1 lb. cooking dates
- 1 orange and 1 lemon

Method.

Mixture. Put into saucepan  $\frac{1}{2}$  gill of water, 1 tablespoon brown sugar, grated rind of lemon and orange, 1 tablespoon each of lemon and orange juice and 1 lb. chopped dates, and cook gently until thick, stir all the time. Let cool.

Pastry. Rub fat into flour, add sugar, oatmeal, knead well. Grease flat tin, roll out  $\frac{1}{2}$  pastry and cover bottom. Spread date mixture on this, cover with rest of pastry, press down. Cook for one hour in a moderate oven.

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If you still have any old potatoes left you probably prefer them baked, and no doubt they take a very long time to get really well cooked. Next time, try this. Before baking them, let them lie in hot water for 15 minutes. Then

dry them and brush them over with oil. That will cook in about a third of the usual time and be more mealy.

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Did you know that the yolks of eggs which have been separated from the whites and cannot be used at once will keep fresh if placed in a saucer and covered with cold water?

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And finally, members of the Womens Institute, did you know that tomato juice REMOVES iron mould on linen and cotton

WOMENS INSTITUTE NEWS

Thursday May 6 th. Our President, Mrs. Oakeshott, took the Chair at this meeting, which was well attended. W.T. Brazell Esq., gave a charming lecture on Birds and their habits, Mrs. Daisy Brown was the winner in our competition for the best laundered tablecloth, 3d parcels were a great success, and tea, followed by an excellent Charade completed a very enjoyable afternoon.

THURSDAY JUNE 3rd.

Demonstration. Dainty milk dishes. Miss Leighton Rust.

Roll Call.

This demonstration is one after our own hearts, and the Roll Call, should prove most entertaining, "My pet aversion" being the subject.

## GARDENING IN JUNE

At the moment of writing England is bathed in glorious sunshine. The plants are growing as fast as they can, as if to make up for lost time and we gardeners must needs be at it as hard as we can before the usual Summer weather sets in.

Before we go any further I must mention that one reader came to see me about the 'mixture' I recommended for dipping cabbage plants in at planting-out time to ward off Club-Root. He told me that when he used to work in the market gardens they put clay with the lime and soot and water, and not earth as I said. Well, he may be right, in fact it sounds better to me. I hope some of you will try the idea this year; it can do no harm, and it might do a lot of good.

Now, what about gardening in June? Well there is still time for a late sowing of peas and dwarf beans, and salads are usually quick-growing things, so get some in they keep the blood cool.

Tomato plants are very cheap just now. I saw some at Woolworth's the other day at 2 a penny, and you don't need a greenhouse to grow them. If we get anything like a summer you can get very good results with outdoor-grown tomatoes, and if we do not get a summer, well, they make good chutney if they have not been able to ripen. So just try a few if you haven't ever done it before.

They are no trouble, just keep them watered, and pick out all side-shoots as they appear.

Your potatoes are showing now I have no doubt. It is a good idea to fork between the rows before you hoe up. It makes the latter job less back-aching, and anything that does that is worth considering.

Remember that the ground which has had your early peas will grow good green stuff. Peas and beans always

leave the ground rich in nitrate, which is just what the greens want.

Among the annual flowers a little thinning is always repaid with better blooms, so don't be afraid of it. And if you have got any flowers that will want a stick to hold them up later on, put the stick in now, and let the plants grow round it and cover it up.

For next year's plants we should be sowing the well-flowers, forget-me-nots, Brompton stockspansies and so on.

The peas will soon be showing a good crop of greenfly, so we must get busy with the syringe. Last year I made a good mixture which was death to all greenfly on my roses and also to the blight on the runner beans. I saved up a week's cigarette ends and soaked them in a jam jar of water together with the ends of ~~shaving~~ shaving sticks which I had accumulated. This mixture, diluted, through a Woolworth's syringe did the trick well and truly. Do it in the evening for best results.

# LIVING IN PALESTINE

CONTRIBUTED BY MRS. F. SAHMAR

Adapting--adapting-- and again adapting, is the secret of successfully facing the difficulties of living in Palestine.

Money, food, cooking, transport, new methods have to be tried, new tastes acquired, new values adjusted. A spirit of "Maleesh" (never mind) has to be bred or one "cracks" and goes under the strain. To realise that tomorrow will do as well as today. Old ideas of punctuality, of getting a thing done to time and to promise, of definite fixed prices--all such ideas one puts aside and absorbs an entirely new and tolerant outlook on life if one is wise. The unwise wear themselves to a frazzle, until realisation comes that it simply does'nt do.

Supposing the water does come in at every possible and impossible place when the winter rains come? What if one does sit wrapped in a coat and shiver by the oil stove in one house and roast unbecomingly by the wood fire-stove in another (for a real 'honest to goodness' fireplace is a rarity)? What if the wood geyser in the bathroom plays all manner of tricks and the oil stove in the kitchen dares you to come in and try to cook because there is water in the paraffin gas?

And in the summer. Well, supposing every room is like an oven in spite of closed shutters and one feels like melting all day and the butter does, and the cold water is hot from the

tap, and the mosquitos "ping" "ping" all around. And the milk must be boiled, the vegetables and fruit disinfected, and hours and hours are wasted bargaining over ones shopping. Supposing Curfew is from 6p.m. to 5 a.m. and shooting, knifing, and bombing goes on irregularly during the day and quite regularly all night, and the doctors simply can't come if one is ill, and nails are strewn all over the road, and food supplies sometimes get through the pickets and sometimes does not?

Well its all part of life in Palestine, and ...after a time everyone takes it as a matter of course. After all, the sun is lovely, the fruits delicious, and the country really glorious for at least 2 or 3 months of the year, and then one forgets the hot sandy sirrocco and the cold wet westerly winds. And then there are always quiet weeks of a waiting atmosphere which usually end in a minor unrest of perhaps a few bombs each side and a knife or two and several shots until things are quietened down again for a little longer.

Solutions to the problem are offered by ever "men in the street", by all the papers, but no one claims to have the perfect solution which would satisfy all parties.

Personally I prefer life in England everytime, for England is in spite of its problems and troubles a very safe and comfortable place even for the very poor in comparison with Palestine. Again, for the housewife a small salary goes much further in England. And who

### PALESTINE (continued).

wants to pay at least £50 rent for the smallest flat with the certainty of moving or paying a higher rent next year? And when the removal comes--every one moves the same day, every one going in, everyone going out, porters and lorrymen ask ridiculous prices and getting them. And if that day is wet--as it often is--to see ones treasured possessions all put higgledy piggledy into an open lorry.

Well, can you wonder when I say adaption and a spirit of Malbesh are two useful and helpful qualities in making a success of life in Pleastine?

Florence Sahhar.

### IMPORTANT NOTICE.

The Annual Fete which has been held in former years on Whit-Monday, and which this year was postponed on account of the Coronation festivities, will be held on SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 9th. with all the usual attractions, including the Tug-of-war, and Baby Show, the championship of which carries a silver Trophy. There will be a number of new attractions this year, so book the date and look out for further announcements.

### NAPHILL METHODIST CHURCH.

#### Baptisms.

The following infant Baptisms by Rev. H. Binks took place on Sunday May 23.  
Sheila Maud Parslow, and Raymond Frederick Jones.

### WEDDING

Mr. R. B. Wisbey and Miss W. E. Brown

An interesting wedding took place at Hughenden Church on Saturday May 29th. Mr. Ronald Wisbey, only son of Mr. and Mrs. B. Wisbey of Mill End Road, High Wycombe, was married to Miss Winifred Ellen Brown, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Brown, of Fern Villas, Naphill.

Given away by her father, the bride was charmingly attired in a dress of white satin with a head dress of orange-blossom, and a net embroidered well. She carried a shower bouquet of pink roses and white carnations. The two bridesmaids Miss Marguerite Wisbey and Miss Annie Brown, wore rose setin dresses with picture hats and shoes to match, and carried bouquets of cream roses and narcissi.

The best man was Captain William Crump of the Salvation Army, an old friend of the Bridegroom. The service was conducted by Rev. Marsh, of Sands, while Mr. Britnell presided at the organ.

The guests attended a reception at Sherriff's Restaurant after the service, where the toast to the Bride and Bridegroom and the Bridesmaids were enthusiastically responded to. Later the happy couple, with a hearty send-off left for their honeymoon in Devonshire.

Among the many beautiful presents received was a chromium plated companion set, given by the members of the Naphill Methodist Choir, of which the Bride was a member.



## EDITORIAL

The great news this month is that at long last we have been fortunate enough to secure a new typewriter. We hope that our readers will be able to notice the difference. At any rate our arms have ceased to ache and our back has resumed its former upright posture. We are very much indebted to Mr. Foster for putting in a word for us at a certain place wherebv we have been able to secure a really wonderful instrument at a staggeringly bargain price. Of course after crashing at the old one for so long as we did our fingers began to know their way about without us telling them where to go, and now on the new typewriter some things are in different places, so we will

be making a few mistakes yet awhile, for which we ask your kind forgiveness. Meanwhile, if there is any sportsman among our readers who would give us £2-10-0 for the old one (that is what we paid for this) we will hand over the money to the Village Hall for the repayment of debt. After all there is still some use in the old thing yet. So come along Mister Sportsman.

Our last issue sold 177 copies, which is our record so far, and there is every possibility of our being able to hand over £5 at least after our first six month's working which is what we set out to do. This will be very helpful to the Village Hall, and you, dear reader, you have made it possible. Thank You.

## SCHOOL NEWS.

As one mother was heard to exclaim the other day, this term seems to be all holidays. First the Scripture examination then Ascension Day, followed by Coronation and Whitsun. Still all good things come to an end and for the rest of the term we can go on steadily with our work. There will be two further slight breaks, one for the Zoo visit on the 21st., and the other right at the end of the term for the Annual Sports.

The report of the Scripture examiner is not yet to hand but next month we hope to be able to announce the name of the winner of the Bishop's Prize. This takes the form of a Prayer Book, in the latest edition, with the revised prayers for the Royal Family.

The sweet peas which the boys grew in their greenhouse sold like hot cakes and we could have sold twice as many. Actually thirteen dozen plants were sold and they looked so good that we did not get any complaints about the price, which was 1/6 each. This month they are selling some rather good marrow plants which have grown into fine big plants, which will go at a penny each.

The girls too have the practical turn of mind. After nearly getting sunstroke whilst doing their needlework and no curtains being forthcoming from elsewhere, they set to work and made some out of a piece of material which a

kind lady gave us some time ago and the Headmaster shewed his co-operation one evening by nearly breaking his neck putting them up.

On the day before the Coronation each child received an excellent book on the subject, presented by the Rural District Council. These were distributed by Councillors W.M. Kimber and Mrs. Oakeshott. One small Infant took his book home and told his mother that he had received it at the hands of the King and Queen.

In response to our S.C.S. for old cricket bats we received two from Mr. A. Brown, of the Naphill Cricket Club, to whom we extend our warmest thanks. The Education Committee have followed it up with the promise of a new bat and a new ball.

With the end of the term looming nearer, each day our thoughts turn once again to examinations. We are going to issue reports once again as they proved so popular with the parents last term, and also this time, as it marks the end of the School Year we are trying to arrange a Prize List, so that from now on till the end of July everyone is working at full steam. There will be more news of this in our next issue.

The somewhat delayed cutting of the School hedge has been done at last, and is a great improvement. It also provided some very useful material for the Coronation Bonfire.

## SPORTS PAGE

### NAPHILL DART CLUB WIN CHAMPIONSHIP CUP

#### CRICKET CLUB'S VARIED FORTUNES.

**DARTS.** The members of the Naphill Dart Club, whose headquarters are at "The Black Lion" are to be very heartily congratulated on winning the championship of the Plow and District Dart League with what must surely be a record analysis. They played 22 matches and won 21, the remaining match being drawn. They scored 73 points and had only 15 scored against them. The members of the team were presented with the Cup and medals by Miss Ishbell MacDonald at the Plow Inn. This being their first time of entering the League they certainly have done well, and we offer all the members of the team, not forgetting their energetic Hon. Secretary Mr. F.A. Wingrove our heartiest congratulations and best wishes for their future success.

**CRICKET.** The season is now well under way, and up to the present fortunes have been mixed. The weather so far has not been conducive to the best of play, but we must remember that this affects both sides and is not really an excuse for losing. Still, we must not grumble, for if our record is not particularly good it might be a great deal worse.

May 1st. Lost at home to Hampden by 19 runs. In our first innings we could only scrape together 19, E. Martin taking 6 of our wickets for 2 runs. Hampden

replied with 60, E. Dell scoring 30, and A. Brown taking 6 for 23. In the second innings we scored 49 (C. Stacey 29) and they could only manage 22, A. Brown again getting busy with the ball and taking 5 for 7. May 8. Lost to Lane End away by 41 runs. Only one innings each was completed, and our score of 41, of which H. Stallwood scored 13, was exactly doubled by our opponents with 82, F. Sears scoring 28 and H. James getting 5 of their wickets for 21.

May 15. Beat Newlands at home by 8 runs. We scored 43 without anyone getting double figures, to which Newlands replied with 37, E. Kew getting 30 and A. Brown taking 3 for 7.

May 22. Beat Hampden away by 10 runs. We scored our highest total to date with 70, of which H. Stallwood made 29, while Hampden scored 60, A. Brown once more bowling well and taking 4 for 26.

May 29. Lost to Marsh Green away. To our two totals of 22 and 18 they replied with 47, thus beating us by an innings and 7 runs. The less said about our performance the better.

#### FOOTBALL.

The Naphill Minors, who won the Cup are holding a Celebration Supper. See Ads.

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AND

THE DATE OF THE FETE

## A HOLIDAY IN DENMARK.

It was a long promised visit to Danish friends that made us choose Copenhagen for our holiday. The North Sea was in its kindest mood so the 23 hours sea journey was a perfect delight.

From Esjberg the port of landing there was a four hours train journey through country very similar to our own lovely beech woods, not so many hills but many little streams and beautiful sandy beaches for bathing. Danish people are very proud, and justly so, of their train ferry across the Great Belt. The actual train runs right on the boat with hardly a jolt, one is able to leave the compartment and walk about the boat for an hour and then again get into the train which leaves the boat just as smoothly, and you are on another island one of the many of which Denmark is composed. When we reached Copenhagen the city was all excitement celebrating their King's Jubilee. It was very noticeable to us strangers how orderly the sightseers were. There were only a very few policemen and when the people were told to keep to the pavement they did so. Copenhagen is noted for its many castles and churches with their wonderful copper roofs and spires which have gone green with the age of centuries and look beautiful with the sun shining on them. The people of Copenhagen never seem to sleep: their cafes and cabarets are open till 2 a.m. and then one strolls home as though it were 2 in the afternoon and yet the shops and schools are open at 7.30 in the morning. We went over a school that was just opened. Everything was of the latest, even to an observatory for the pupils, and, what I particularly noticed, all the big windows had plants growing inside and climbing up the sides of the glass.

The Tivoli is the great amusement park. Every sideshow and pleasure imaginable is there with a blaze of different coloured lights on fountains and waterfalls. One of our trips was to the flying ground where there are nine services to England daily. The restaurant is an old gunpowder house and the ceiling is hung with small models of aeroplanes of different periods and countries.

The food is different in many ways, the national dish is Smør brød, something like a sandwich but only one piece of bread, which is yeast bread brown, close and rather bitter. On this is placed either fish, ham, eggs, cheese and this is mixed with mayonaisse or pickle. There are many different varieties. In one cafe we went to they bought us a menu with 80 different kinds.

Instead of being asked to tea one is invited to "Coffee and Cream Cakes", and they are cream cakes. No wonder the Danes are not a slim people.

L. Smart.



## EDITORIAL.

Last month we created a new record with the huge number of mistakes. Most of these were due to the new typewriter, but not all, so we had to give our typeist the sack and get a new one. (That's our story anyway). We feel sure that you will notice the improvement and approve.

We are still selling more than 170 copies each month which is more than we ever expected to. Such a fine response makes the work worthwhile and very pleasurable.

We are always glad to receive articles from our readers on any subject likely to be of general interest. Last month Mrs. Sahar began the good work, and this month Miss Smart

carries on.

Our next issue will appear towards the end of July, so that you can take your copy with you to the sea-side and read it amid the balmy breezes.

If you are likely to be away already, let us know and we will send Your copy on.

*The Editor.*

## HUGHENDEN FETE.

An attendance running into four figures is expected on Saturday July the 24th. in the Hughenden Menor Grounds when a Fete is to be held on behalf of the Church. Many and various are the attractions arranged, including dancing, a concert, games, stalls of various kinds, and all the fun of the fair. The Mayoress of High Wycombe, Mrs. R. P. Clarke will open the proceedings at 2.30 p.m. Our readers are advised to make a note of the date and look out for further details when they appear on large bills.

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### SCHOOL NOTES.

The term is rapidly nearing its end, which means that once again examinations loom ahead. This time too, the examinations are of extra importance, because they will have a large effect on the annual "Going up", which takes place at the beginning of next term. The work of the whole past year is to be examined, and this time the School Managers have allotted a certain sum of money to be spent on prizes, which will be distributed at a school Prize Day in the early autumn.

The School Sports will be held on Wednesday afternoon July 28th. in the Playing Field when we shall have the pleasure of entertaining the usual large crowd of Mothers and others. Besides individual prizes there will be tussel for the Herbert-Jones Team Trophy. The Sports Fund, from which prizes are bought, is rather low just now, so that any donations which kind friends might care to send along, would be very welcome indeed.

On June the 21st. 35 children went to the London Zoo and had a jolly time in delightful weather. A car crash just in front of us on the way up provided added excitement.

The Hospital collection of Daily Mirror vouchers has now reached the 500 mark, but many more are needed before our Hospital can benefit to any appreciable amount.

The Inter-Team Cricket Six-

a-side League showed Red Team to be much too good for any of their opponents, and they won the prize without being defeated. On two occasions they won by more than an innings. The Victorious Red Team consisted of G. Smith, (Capt) G. Layton, A. Layton, R. Braisher, D. Goodchild, and J. Maloy.

The best batting average made in the series was that of G. Smith with 17.5, followed by J. Goodchild (10.6), D. Pipe (7.6), V. Butler (7.2), and J. Day (5.3).

The Bishop's Prize, awarded at the Annual Scripture Examination, was given to Maud Abbey, with Certificates of merit for Freda Ansell and Ruby Gibbons. The full text of the Report, with full list of commended pupils, appears in the July number of Hughenden Parish Magazine.

The results of the Scholarship Examination of last March are at last to hand, and we are in the list. KATHLEEN SAUNDERS, of Bradenham, (at Bledlow Ridge School since the bus route changed) finished third in the whole County for a Free Place at the High School.

And there is honourable mention for Maurice White, Rosamund Evans, and Joyce Ward. Congratulations to them all.

"Blank is very careful about his children, isn't he?"

"Yes, he's trying to bring them up the way he should have gone".

N A P H I L L    I N D U S T R I E S.  
THE FIRST OF A NEW SERIES, EXCLUSIVE TO THE NAPHILL GAZETTE.  
By Our Rambling Reporter.  
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To commence this important new series I thought that I could make sure of a firm foundation by going along to the Wells Brick Field of Messrs. Brown Bros., and see what there was to see in the way of brick-making. As I strolled in upon this pleasantly situated hive of industry, begun 41 years ago by the father of the present proprietors, my eyes fell on a wonderful vista, rows and rows, thousands and thousands, of bricks, lined up like troops on parade. I soon managed to find genial Mr. Ted Brown, and he took me round and told me the story of bricks.

First, they spend all the winter digging clay and assembling it in heaps just where they want it. Railway lines and trucks are very busy during this period. The great holes left behind get filled up with all sorts of things, I saw a twenty-foot tree in one, an old motor bike in another, and rabbits galore. Whilst digging this clay huge stones are discovered many of which were used eighty years ago to build a wing onto Windsor Castle. The origin of these stones was the subject of an article in an earlier number of the Gazette. Nowadays they are broken up and used for kerb-stones.

In April the actual making of bricks begins, and continues until October comes along with its frosts. The clay is mixed with crushed coke, sometimes called breeze, in the proportion of 1 in 40, which in the baking process produces the various colours in the bricks. The bricks are made by hand with a steel mould, and laid out in rows of a thousand to dry off, this taking about a fortnight. They are made at the rate of a thousand per man per day, which, to my mind, means pretty snappy work. Then they are piled up in the kiln. 40,000 at the time, where they bake for about a week, day and night, using about 8 tons of coal on the job. When they have cooled down they are graded into their different colours, grey, red, purple, and multi. The grey ones are those which were farthest away from the fire, the red ones those which were on the extreme sides of the kiln. And then they are sent away to all parts of England, to form buildings which will not fall down in the night.

All this and much more which I have not room for here held my attention all that morning, and as I reluctantly left for home I could not help admiring the two cottages just by the entrance. Built with good Naphill Bricks they made a picture, and I have since learned that the Society for the Preservation of English Countryside rate these cottages ideal, in the pleasure they give to the eye.

At the period when these two books were published, the first question parents asked when choosing a book for their boys was, "Is there a good moral to it?" So they bought for their boys Dean Farrar's "Eric, or Little by Little". This was a highly moral book, showing how Eric by one little sin after another, came to terrible disgrace and an early death. Mark Twain dared anyone to find a moral to his books, but he tells us that the chief characters grew up to be happy and prosperous, and he himself came to be honoured by Oxford University, and his books accredited as good literature, so after all there is moral enough.

It is recognised by wise people that there is a healthy urge in boys for adventure and primitive things inherited from remote times when life was simple and more dangerous, that is why we have boy scouts, camps by the river, moor and wood. We grow later on to appreciate the advantages and comforts of this mechanical civilisation, but though we sit through a symphony concert in the winter, in summer we yearn for travel in remote places, for the fishing camp, and to fry our own bacon on a fire in the woods. That is why we delight in Tom Sawyer and Huckleberry Finn. We are never too grown up to forget with pleasure (or otherwise) our own schooldays, and Tom's highly amuse us, we are thrilled with his midnight adventures and when he is lost with Becky in the caves; at the terrible fate of Injun Joe and the treasure hunt. Huck Finn the vagabond is the means of saving the widow Douglas from the vengeance of Injun Joe, but we sympathise with Huck when the widow gives him a home and he finds the restraints of civilisation too irksome and he goes back to be beaten by his drunken father. In the background is the grand old river, Huck's journey down the river is a great picture of the river life and towns of the Mississippi, it will live as long as there is anyone to read English literature, though perhaps we should say American literature.

If we have interested you in Huckleberry Finn let me introduce him to you and he will speak for himself. "You don't know me without you have read a book by the name of Tom Sawyer but that ain't no matter. That book was made by Mr. Mark Twain and he told the truth mainly. There was things which he stretched but mainly he told the truth. That is nothing. I never seen anybody but lied one time or another without it was Aunt Polly, or the widow or maybe Mary. Aunt Polly, Tom's Aunt Polly, she is, and Mary & the widow Douglas is all told about in that book, which is mostly a true book, with some stretches as I said."

O D D S and E N D S  
contd.

Miss Smart has extended a hearty welcome to all those who are interested in the game of bowls to go along and play on her lawn, which is in such excellent condition just now. If any ladies or gentlemen so inclined would get in touch with Mr. Adlam, who is very keen to start a Naphill Bowls Club, he will fix up an evening for a preliminary center.

The swings on the Playing Field have settled down and become part of the place, giving the children unending delight. We can imagine the further joy which would be afforded if there were any truth in the rumour which we heard recently that a sand pit may be dug near by very shortly.

The Sunday afternoon Church Services which are held on every second Sunday in the month at the School have enjoyed a greatly increased attendance in recent months, and that held in June beat all records. It would appear that more and more people are welcoming the opportunity of partaking in the quiet simple Evensong as arranged in the English Prayer Book.

A scheme for fencing in the Jubilee and Coronation Trees in the Playing Field is being formulated, and we may hope to see it erected before the summer is ended. The generosity of Mr. D. Knox in giving a handsome cheque towards the cost is very much appreciated.

NAPHILL MINORS

CELEBRATE.

In company with nearly 100 friends and supporters the members of the Naphill Minors Football team gathered together at the Village Hall on June 11th to celebrate their winning the Cup. An excellent repast prepared by Mr. Newell was followed by the drinking of the team's health, proposed by Mr. E. Brown, who might be called father of a very useful part of it. The trophy, which up till now had been on view in the centre of the hall, was filled with something stronger than water and passed round, and the entire company sipped its contents with great gusto.

The hall floor was then cleared and dancing was the order of the evening, to the accompaniment of the music and drums of Messrs. Adlam and Ohlsen, the latter giving several of his well known impressions of Oriental song interspersed with facial contortions. Alma Smith delighted all present with her character songs, Joyce Ridgley, our favourite crooner sang her way into the hearts of all her hearers, and "Bimbo", the well known Wycombe eccentric dancer all but tied himself up in knots revealing great suppleness of limb. And so this unique evening went on to its close, and we must hope that our Minors will, through repeated Cup victories, give us many more such. Or perhaps the Cricket Club could manage it one day.

## ODDS and ENDS.

The Editor was present among the guests last month at the marriage of Mr. E. Neighbour and Miss K. Mente at Twickenham. This very popular couple have since been touring Devon and Cornwall.

We understand that, following a meeting at Aylesbury between the Highways Committee of the County Council and representatives of the Local Parish Councils, something may yet be done about a road across the Common to Downley. Yet, but not yet.

Rumours to the effect that the half-finished Coombe Lane is to be finished this summer have grown long whiskers. Meanwhile we shall soon have the tar-and-stone brigade with us again. Let's hope they won't wake us up at 3 a.m. dumping the stones as they did last year.

The Annual British Legion visit to the Aldershot Tattoo was much enjoyed this year by those who were able to go. Some of our members who had been on duty all the same day at Windsor began to show signs of fatigue when helping to push the coach up Coombe Lane at 3 a.m. on the Sunday morning.

Mr. H. A. Oakeshott has taken on the Secretaryship of the Village Hall Council with Mr. C. Halsey as Assistant.

The Library books at the Village Hall have now been changed. A fine selection of new books is now available for those who care to borrow them, and there is no charge.

In the re-decoration of the Wheel Public House the wonderful painting of a wheel has for the time being at any rate disappeared. This is a pity. It used to serve as a fine target for our six-hitting cricketers. One of those targets that never gets hit.

A visitor to Naphill recently remarked on the fine condition of our hedges. Mr. Fleet, who has 17 miles of hedges to keep in trim agrees.

His many Naphill friends and, dare we say admirers will join in congratulating Mr. George Stevens on his approaching wedding, which our Special Investigator learns will take place on July 17th. May his ever-beaming face continue to radiate joy.

We also hear that Mr. Ron Piercy and Miss M. Bowell are to tie the knot later on in August. Here a romance which began on our tennis court has blossomed into a real "Love Match".

Yet another of our younger generation to venture into the blessed and happy state of matrimony in this Coronation year of many weddings is Miss Audrey Mines, who will be the bride of the day on July 31st.

At a recent wedding reception that we attended the Parson ventured to suggest that the happy couple no doubt yearned for some "Honeymoon salad". When pressed as to what this was he replied "Lettuce alone".



### THE ALL-NIGHT RAMBLE.

"Good-night, Naphill". Shortly after 11 p.m. on Saturday June 26th our cry rang out through the glorious moonlight night. Mr Alf Brown's reply sped us on our way, down Stocking Lane to The Warren Farm, Stoney Green ("Good-night, Susan") to the Gated Road. Arm in arm we strode merrily on all the road ours, singing lustily and albeit harmoniously, care-free and gay. In Hampden Park a fallen tree was our seat where we opened the nose-bags and had our first nibble. This was followed by a Rhyming competition which revealed a witty facility of expression on the part of several of our number. Then--on our way, straight on to Coombe Hill, where we had another rest, with a period of silence broken only by the night-jer and the rasping snore of one of us. Again on, and to the Memorial, where we arrived two hours too soon, but that did not matter. Out came the food and flasks, mecks were put down, and most of us were soon asleep under the moon and stars in the freshest of fresh air. In two hours the sun was up, leap-frog soon restored our circulation, and then down we went to Butler's Cross. Very soon after this we found a gorgeous article of female apparel which had apparently been thrown out of a cottage window in a moment of extreme carelessness. Then a fox crossed the road, took a look at us and was off again in a flash. Two of our members ventured to entertain us with a spot of

exhibition bull-fighting, but although the bulls were not bulls it did not last long. Then we managed to corner a rabbit in a drain pipe. These and many other diversions, all happening between three and five in the morning helped us along the way to Risborough, where we knew that breakfast would be waiting for us. That last mile will never be forgotten. It certainly was the longest in the whole of the British Isles. But eventually we got there, and after a wash and brush up, sat down to tea ("Nectar", as George called it) trashers and eggs and so on. For the first time a sweet quiet reigned, but there were a few groans when we got up to make our way to the Station en route for West Wycombe, and these groans grew into a positive roar when they charged us 9d each for that little journey. Three or four super-men refused to do it and set out to walk home. The rest paid under protest and finally, via Cooks Hall and the Common reached home at about nine o'clock.

A great adventure for 25 of us, including 5 gallant ladies (who never lacked gallant protectors). A glorious night which was followed by a glorious day(?), and left us with something to tell all our friends and our children's children. Look out for the date of the next all-night ramble.

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## GARDENING IN JULY

A fine spell early in last month followed by several good rains later have made things move in the gardens, and we shall soon be reaping the fruit of our labours, early potatoes, peas, and beans. It is to be hoped that too much wet will not play havoc with what looks like being a good potato crop this year, as was the case last

Here I might mention the advice given to me by that famous gardener Mr. Middleton, which was "Dig your potatoes as soon as the tops start yellowing, leaving them in longer will only help them to get disease. The potatoes will not get any bigger".

We can put in fresh sowings of the salad vegetables, and peas which have finished can be followed by turnips and beet. Cabbage for early next year can be sown later this month.

If we are growing celery, now is the time to plant it in a well-dug and well manured trench. We can lift the shallots and let them dry off for storing.

If the month is at all dry(?) "The hoe is our best watering can!" A loose surface to the soil prevents moisture evaporating, and we also save further moisture by killing the weeds at the same time.

The best advice for the flower garden is to cut off all blooms which show signs of dying. You'll get more and more blooms until late Autumn on most plants if you remember this.

## NAPHILL METHODIST CHURCH

On Saturday July 17th. an open-air Concert and Supper will be held in Mr. and Mrs. Piercy's lovely garden. The Concert will be at 7 o'clock and the Supper after the Concert.

We are not able to announce the names of the artistes yet, but watch out for these names on the posters, for it promises to be a really good concert. And the Supper? I will leave it to you to imagine how enjoyable this will be amid such lovely surroundings, if only the weather is kind.

Should it be wet, the Concert will be in the Methodist Schoolroom.

M.B.

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For further particulars see large bills.

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Please keep this date open.

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## THE ROYAL REVIEW.

27TH. JUNE 1937.

A party of Ex-Service men and wives left Naphill by charabanc at 10 o'clock on a perfect June day and arrived near Hyde Park amongst coaches from every part of England and parts of Wales and Scotland.

After marching across and around the Park they joined the other 79,984 men and women drawn up in a dense but orderly mass surrounded by a forest of waving British Legion Banners.

After the usual wait a service was broadcast. Then their Majesties drove round the parade in an open landau drawn by four Windsor Greys with postillions and outriders and were loudly cheered all the way.

His Majesty's address was clearly and distinctly delivered and obviously spoken from the heart.

Then came the stirring march past to the music of bands the crunch crunch of many feet, and the cheery jokes making us all hold up our heads and swing our arms and forget the 20 years that had passed so quickly - eyes right and there was His Majesty with the Queen and Queen Mary and other members of the Royal Family on one side of us and on the other side stands packed with cheering and waving crowds.

A memorable occasion and a great privilege to be present.

H.A.O.

## TENNIS CLUB.

The singles championships are now in progress and many and strenuous have been the games played on our court of late. The trophies will be presented to the winners at a Social to be held in September, the date of which will be announced later.

The court is in excellent condition thanks to the untiring efforts of Mr. Wilkinson who has taken the post of part time gardener to the Village Hall and Playing Field.

The Social referred to above will mark the beginning of the forthcoming winter season of weekly social evenings which proved to be so popular last year.

The outing to the seaside which was to have been arranged has been dropped in view of the large number of such trips being organised by other bodies in the Village. In its place another theatre visit will be organised in the Autumn.

## CORONATION WIND UP

The Coronation Celebration Committee, their labours over, met to discuss what to do with the balance in hand, and decided on a good strong seat between the two commemoration trees, and fencing off a suitable area round about the whole to form a haven of rest for weary travellers or those who are waiting for a bus.

For

## THE WIFE IN THE HOME

By

### "DOMESTICUS"

This month I have a good recipe for salad dressing, if you are fond of it and therefore use a lot you will find making your own much cheaper.

I hope also you will think its much nicer, when you know just what is in it.

#### ROYAL SALAD DRESSING.

- 3 ozs castor sugar
- $\frac{1}{4}$  oz dry mustard
- $\frac{1}{2}$  teaspoonful salt
- 3 tablespoonful salad oil
- 2 eggs
- $\frac{1}{2}$  pint milk
- $\frac{1}{2}$  pint vinegar

Put the eggs into a basin and work in the salt, sugar, mustard and oil with a wooden spoon. Add the milk, then the vinegar, boil gradually until slightly thickened in a double saucepan. If bottled and kept in a cool dry cupboard it will keep for months.

Now for a hint concerning the meat we enjoy so much with our salads:-- A FEW LUMPS OF SUGAR added to the water in which a ham or a large piece of bacon is boiling will improve the flavour.

Is your Larder damp? Did you know that jam ferments rapidly when kept in a damp larder? Try putting a 2lb. jar of lime on the floor under the shelves, it will quickly absorb the dampness.

## WOMEN'S INSTITUTE NEWS.

On June the 3rd. over 50 members attended our meeting, presided over by Mrs. Oakeshott, all of whom followed very keenly the Demonstration on Dainty Milk Dishes given by Miss Leghton Rust of the National Milk Publicity Council. This Demonstration was both interesting and useful showing how to make 4 tasty and nourishing dishes with top heat only, this was something we all longed to know, not wanting our ovens always in use this time of the year.

Tea followed by an amusing Roll Call concluded a very charming afternoon.

For our July meeting arranged for the 1st. the programme will consist of a Fruit Bottling Demonstration given by Mrs. Borns, and a Competition called Wits and Bits.

This competition is to discover the member who can make the best article out of any old bits that would otherwise be useless, in fact to use your wits and bits and make some article to compete for a prize on Thursday July the 1st.

Tea and an entertainment will conclude the afternoon.

GRAND HOLIDAY NUMBER!

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SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup>.

TUG-OF-WAR CHAMPIONSHIP

BABY SHOW

CHILDRENS SPORTS

ANKLE PARADE

DANCING

"A  
SCHOOL  
IN  
DENMARK"

A  
PAGE  
FOR  
WOMEN.



## M+E+M+O+R+I+E+S    O F    O L D    N A P H I L L.

### THE FIRST OF A NEW SERIES OF REMENISCENCES OF NAPHILL IN THE GOOD OLD DAYS.

When I think how far back I can remember I get a shock but in no case has it yet been fatal so I will risk it once more. If some of the old folk who knew Naphill 70 years ago could see it now one would hardly wonder if some dear old lady in her excitement exclaimed Naphill isn't like 'tis - was it? There has certainly been some changes, they tell us the world is full of change only so little of it gets into circulation. Suppose we start off at the Cross Roads that is the most important place in the village on account of its proximity to the Village Hall, Post Office etc. There is not much change in the road as such, a better surface certainly than when flints from the fields were broken up by the roadside and put on for carts and waggons to "roll" into a good road.

It is still the hallowed spot where the village Parliament meets very much as long ago when your humble was a member or perhaps a Cabinet Minister. Next The Wheel. Little change there. Just over 50 years ago a flash of lightening caused repairs to the floor, and fireplace to be necessary and there has been improvements since but the house hasn't moved. I am informed there are entries in the books 98 years back, that is a little longer than I remember. Then down further on the same side are two flint built cottages one once occupied by the late George Benjamin Lacey and the other by an old lady Mrs. Puddiphat and contained one room up very small and one room down with a cellar underneath. I could never understand what the cellar was for unless to make the old lady's feet colder than they otherwise would have been but - there came a time when it was useful I have seen twenty fitches of bacon cured and in the process of curing, in the same cellar. (Who says a bit of Home-cured?).

Now across the road into the Reacreation Ground. We did not call the place by that name at the time of which I am writing. That would have been too high sounding altogether. It was just "The Crick" and everybody knew it by that name. There we played games, some we never see now, Gammon, Tipcat, Cat and Cunjurs, Duck on the Rock played with all stones. I have a spot on the top now where a player mistook my head for the Duck when I was putting the real "Duck" in position, that was where the old hands learnt their cricket. The ball would sometimes get over the hedge into the cornfield then it was a case of watching the farm whilst some searched amongst the corn for the ball, we could not play without it could we? and

## NAPHILL METHODIST CHURCH.

The Concert and Supper held in the garden of Moseley Lodge on Saturday July 17th. was a great success. The evening was fine and warm and about 90 people enjoyed a really good programme of music and entertaining. There were songs by Mr. Harold Mead, Miss Nancy Brown and Mr. Les King, piccolo solos by Mr. Batts, partsongs by the Choir with Mr. N. Mead conducting and nearly half an hour of conjuring and magic by Mr. A. Sexton. Mr. H.T. Turnbull was the Chairman.

And then the Supper - and what delicious trifles! The trustees of the Church were indeed grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Piercy for permitting the use of their beautiful garden.

Then on Sunday, July 18th. the Sands Mens Bible Class gave an enjoyable programme of music in the afternoon, the chair being taken by Mr. C. Bunce of High Wycombe. A collection was taken, and this together with the profits from the Concert and Supper amounted to over £7.0.0.

concluded from next column:-

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| III | - | 1. | - | N. Oxlade    |
|     |   | 2. | - | D. Goodchild |
|     |   | 3. | - | M. White     |
| II. | - | 1. | - | E. Bristow   |
|     |   | 2. | - | (N. Lacey)   |
|     |   |    |   | (J. Gibbons) |
|     |   | 3. | - | D. Newdick   |
| I.  | - | 1. | - | P. Mines     |
|     |   | 2. | - | J. Evans     |
|     |   | 3. | - | J. Harber    |

School reopens on Monday  
August 30th.

## SCHOOL

## NOTES.

Another School year has come to an end, and the examinations have given the results shown below. On account of people leaving we finished up with a Standard VII of 4 only, and we give the positions of all 4 because they were so close together, only 3% difference between 1st. and 4th.

Some day before Christmas we shall have a Prize Day, when the Prizes provided by the School Managers will be distributed.

Beryl Shrimpton leaves School with the honour of having come top of the School. Others who are leaving are Freda Smith, Joan Braisher, Ella Saunders and Freda Ansell. There are no boys leaving this time.

We received quite a large number of subscriptions towards the Sports Fund for prizes, and we thank all those parents who thus helped.

## EXAMINATION RESULTS.

- |     |   |    |   |                        |
|-----|---|----|---|------------------------|
| VII | - | 1. | - | B. Shrimpton           |
|     |   | 2. | - | F. Smith               |
|     |   | 3. | - | M. Abbey               |
|     |   | 4. | - | J. Goodchild           |
| VI  | - | 1. | - | D. Pipe                |
|     |   | 2. | - | R. Hussey              |
|     |   | 3. | - | I. Higgins             |
| V   | - | 1. | - | L. Goodchild           |
|     |   | 2. | - | D. Braisher            |
|     |   | 3. | - | F. Beale               |
| IV  | - | 1. | - | N. Smith               |
|     |   | 2. | - | R. Lacey               |
|     |   | 3. | - | R. Evans and B. Hussey |

TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir,

No doubt you know that old song, The Vicar of Bray. It was the Vicar's boast that he would hold his place in spite of changing Kings, changing times or changing conditions. That whatsoever King may reign, I'll be the Vicar of Bray Sir.

Well Sir in days gone by I used to dispise the Vicar of Bray for a turncoat, for altering his opinions to suit the times, for having no settled convictions, but one cannot get away from the fact that it paid him, and on further reflection I feel compelled to ask, does it pay to have settled opinions? If one could be sure that settled opinions on this or that would alter anything it might be different. It is true that there have been great changes, as we think for the better, in our own times, and to hold opinions about them has not involved going to prison, or having ones ears lopped off, but the changes seem to have come about as a matter of necessity, and not so much because of having opinions about them, and widely held opinions are mostly unsound or untrue.

But to return to the Vicar: "In good King Charles' golden days, when loyalty no harm meant, a zealous high church man was I, and so I got preferment." I have quoted these lines Sir to remind you that the Vicar must have lived, as his subsequent history shows, through a period when the country was rent by two widely divergent opinions and through the war which followed, and that he must have steered a middle course very cleverly and successfully till it was safe to hold the prevailing opinion again. The turmoil and the war achieved nothing but what would have come naturally and peaceably if the country had not been cursed by opinions, and observe Sir what followed, the King as representative of one opinion lost his head while still alive, (though this assertion might lend itself to a pretty argument) and Cromwell as representative of the other opinion was hanged after he was dead. Samuel Pepys records in his diary of Cromwell being taken from his grave and hanged at Tyburn. "When Gracious Ann became our Queen, The Church of England's Glory, Another face of things was seen, An I became a Tory". Well Sir ~~he~~ said enough to commend to you the philosophy of the Vicar of Bray. It is true I think, that the time is coming when it might be more difficult to practise this philosophy. It is coming the practise now in some countries to dig up ones pastand if it does not harmonise with the prevailing opinion to send one to the concentration camp. At present we in this country are ruled by forces which are not dominated by dogmatic opinions, but there are signs and forces at work in this country also which

TO THE EDITOR contd.

seem to show that we may be divided once more by widely held and divergent opinions, fighting for the mastery, and I doubt whether the philosophy of the Vicar of Bray would again be successful. This then is what we learn from a study of the Vicar's philosophy: To be successful and live a full life, to avoid losing your head while alive, or be hanged after you are dead, then have none but safe opinions or better still none at all, but if you ask me if this advice is sound and true, well I prefer not to express an opinion.

Yours faithfully,

signed COURIER.

#### WOMEN'S INSTITUTE NEWS.

JULY 1ST. An excellent demonstration on Fruit Bottling given by Mrs. Borns inspired many members to give the family summer fruits at Christmas time by bottling some now. If you were unlucky enough to miss the very helpful demonstration I think I can get full instructions for you at the price of 1d so let me know if you would like them. The Wits and Bits competition was won by Mrs. Carrington with a cushion made from sample pieces of cloth and filled with stockings.

AUGUST. The Annual Outing is being arranged, would members who are interested please get into touch with Mrs. Lovejoy at

Naphill Post Office.

SEPTEMBER 2ND. Demonstration on Felt Slippers by Miss Channer of Chesham to be followed by an entertainment.

SPECIAL NOTE. All members are invited to bring their holiday snapshots with them on Sept. 2nd and to recount any interesting happening or holiday news.

FOR

#### THE WIFE IN THE HOME

BY

#### "DOMESTICUS".

I know you will agree with me when I say that the wife doesn't want to be in the home quite so much during the coming month and therefore I will just give you some information which I hope will enable you to get out as much as possible.

MONDAY'S WASHING to remove tar or grease damp with cold water, sprinkle with eucalyptus oil, rub a little white soap on top, rub again lightly & stain will come out.

TUESDAY'S SEWING cool hands are essential for clean sewing or knitting. Rub a little talcum powder well into them before starting to work.

WEDNESDAY'S NURSING wasps and mosquito bites - remove sting if possible, apply bi-carbonate of soda cover with boracic lint and tie up. A raw onion is also good and if rubbed on will prevent swelling.

THURSDAY COOKING add a few drops of olive oil when making mustard it will mix more quickly and smoothly and not dry up so soon.

FRIDAY'S HOUSEHOLD don't bother just get ready for a

SATURDAY OUTING.

ODDS and ENDS.

The Gazette is out a few days early this time so that our willing band of sellers may do their work before the holidays begin. Similarly the September issue may be a day or two late.

Mr. Benwell with his wife and family, all looking very well, paid a flying visit to the scene of their many activities early in the month, and had time to visit one or two old friends and to look over the Gazette Office. They are regular readers of our journal.

Some pegs in the road and a shed have appeared in Coombe Lane. There is evidently some possibility that the new road will be completed one day after all.

The rumour which we mentioned last month concerning the sandpit is fast becoming a distinct probability. We sincerely hope that if and when it does come some steps will be taken to see that it is kept for the use of the children, and not be subject to the maltreatment from which the swings have suffered at the hands of lads of over school age who might be expected to know better.

We see that the North Dean Club is in the market again, speculation as to its future is rife.

A recent letter from the County Council told the Parish Council that a footpath along the side of the main road is impossible. Meanwhile when villagers go for a walk on a Sunday evening they find that there is very little enjoyment for them. In fact this one-time pleasant feature has become distinctly unpleasant as well as dangerous. In winter time, of course it is much worse, on account of blinding head-lamps. The road, it seems, is for the cars. Pedestrians just pay rates.

We have heard that Mrs. Disraeli, who has left the Manor for her estate in Hampshire, will return in September to supervise arrangements for a sale of effects.

The road across the Common from Downley to Naphill is not to be. The people who live on the Common and those who cross it are to continue to wade through mud and slush and cart tracks. Mosquitos are to continue to thrive in the ruts and puddles. In other words the health of the people is of no account. We have no great admiration for Hitler and his methods, but we have an idea that such a state of affairs could not exist in the country which realises the value of getting and keeping the people fit.

EDITORIAL.

August, the holiday month is here again, and we hope that the weather will make it possible for us all to benefit.

With many people going away there has been a shortage of "happenings" for us to report, but we have filled up with various articles which we hope will help our readers to while away a pleasant hour in a deck chair. Among our new contributors we welcome Mr. George Hunt who begins a new series of reminiscences which we feel sure will appeal to all. There must be many among our readers who can recollect interesting and amusing events of years ago, and if they would jot them down on a piece of paper and

send them along we would be very grateful. Or, if you like, just let us know and we will send our reporter along. Our friend from Denmark, a regular reader of the Gazette, sends us an account of a Typical Danish School. What with his establishment and the new building at Mill End Road it seems that schools are rapidly becoming Palaces of Education. Even ours is to be "done-up" inside this summer.

We were glad to hear from some old Naphillians now living in New Zealand how they enjoy the Gazette. How they must thank their friends here who send it to them regularly. There must be many who were once among us and who now see



## A SCHOOL IN DENMARK.

Last year I was present at your school Sports Day, I enjoyed it very much and, I found your school very nice.

Perhaps it would interest you to hear a little about my school, because it is the most modern school in Denmark built only a year ago. It is a large building, three floors high and made of red bricks, situated a 3 penny bus ride from the centre of Copenhagen in the highest part of the town on a hill.

We enter the school through the main entrance and pass the entrance hall which is decorated with big fresco paintings. Herefrom you can go to the playing yard and to the sports-ground, you can go to the social department or go upstairs to the main hall. This is a very large room; it goes two floors up just until the roof and in second floors height a gallery runs all the hall round. The hall is very bright, one of the walls being a huge window with green plants in front of it. Round the hall you find the special rooms for physics, natural science and needlework, the studio, the library and the school offices.

From the hall four corridors are leading to the ordinary classrooms. In each corridor you will find a ten yard long white water basin and over that 20 taps with running water and lots of soap and clean towels. The ordinary classrooms are all facing south with four huge windows. The school is central heated and in several of the rooms the heating comes from the ceiling where the radiators are hidden. The room is painted in bright colours and from its windows we have a splendid view of the sportsground.

In one of the long corridors you find two big and very nice school kitchens, they are so nice that all the boys wish they could have lessons in there, but when the girls have lessons in household science the boys are doing carpentering work in a fine workshop equipped with modern tools.

In the basement of the school you find a very interesting thing - a Planetarium where the older classes have their lessons in astronomy. Here they sit in the dark watching the star pictures coming and going on the ball shaped ceiling. They see the ways of the stars and the moon also the sun and the stars movements.

Then to the social department. There you find the dentists room equipped with the most modern instruments. Here all the children have to come twice a year and have their teeth treated, without any expense for the parents. Next door you find the surgeon and the nurse who examine the children several times a year. A bath hall and luncheon rooms

MEMORIES OF OLD NAPHILL contd.

we were often in trouble. I cannot imagine what we should have done if Alby Brown or Jack Tapping had been about then, I think we should have had to apply the same rule as Tip-cat "Over Out and Watch it".

Now let us get on as far as the school - I am not telling all I know about the school just now but must mention that about the year 1878 I was employed as what was called a Monitor teaching the infants at a salary of 1/6d. per week. Some alterations or repairs were being done during the holidays, as the work was not finished in time the holidays were extended to six weeks - well when the quarter came round I had full pay 6 weeks salary for nothing, sure I had never been as rich before or for that matter since.

I'll stop now, if the Editor is ill advised enough to put this in the Gazette and I do not get any bricks thrown at me I will try and remember some more of old Naphill another time. G.H.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

At their meeting on Thursday July 22nd. the Village Hall Council had before them reports of wanton damage done to the swings, gates, fences and trees round the hall. It was agreed that definite action would be taken against the doers of any further damage. It is felt that the great majority of Village residents take pleasure and pride in their Playing Field.

A SCHOOL IN DENMARK contd.

belong to the social department. The bath hall contains 18 shower baths and here all the children have a weekly bath besides the obligation bath after each gym-lesson. In the luncheon room the poorer children are given a free meal of fresh fruit and milk every day during the winter months, prepared on the premises in a nice kitchen by a cook and her two assistants.

In our school we are nearly 1500 children and 40 teachers (and mistresses). We are all very proud of our new school and try to keep it nice and well spoken of. "Aage"

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scattered about the world who would welcome a copy. If you know of someone - send them a copy. And now the entire staff of the Gazette take a fond farewell and set off for the balmy breezes of the Kentish coast. They will welcome the rest from their manifold duties and, we hope, return refreshed and full of new ideas.

## N A P H I L L   I N D U S T R I E S.

### No.2. CHAIRMAKING.

BY OUR RAMBLING REPORTER.

Following on my intensive study of brick-making last month I felt rather in need of a restful sit down, and therefore hied me to the establishment of Mr. Harold Goodchild to see what there was to see in the matter of chairmaking. Here I spent a very interesting and instructive evening, surrounded by many fine specimens of the chairmakers art. For Mr. Harold Goodchild is a chairmaker, a real chairmaker, he makes the whole chair from start to finish, and when its made its made.

For 25 years this business has been going on, the speciality being the well known "wheel-back", which 30 years ago was said to be a craze, yet today continues to supply more orders than Mr. Goodchild can cope with. Year in year out he has been sending chairs in hundreds all over the country, principally to the dining-halls of Universities, Colleges and Public Schools, while a large number have been sold in London for export.

Mr. Goodchild being well known in the industry as a real craftsman (there are not so many of them left now) receives a lot of repair orders. I saw several fine chairs, more than 100 years old, which had been sent to him for repair, - work that the quick-turn-out-machinist factories of Wycombe cannot touch.

I found that the woods chiefly used were Beech (legs) Elm (seats) and Ash (bows) while there is also a good deal of work done in Cherry and Yew.

As I looked round this compact little factory, surrounded by legs of all sizes and shapes (wooden ones, ofcourse), and seats of various designs, rows and rows of tools, and watch Mr. Goodchild turn what to me seemed a tough old piece of wood into a good, sound, comfortable chair, I made a vow to get busy with a chopper when I got home. I'm going to scrap my lot and have some of Mr. Goodchild's real chairs.

#### A COOL SUMMER DRINK.

We are very much indebted to Mrs. Harold Goodchild for permission to publish the following recipe for a drink which having tasted we can thoroughly recommend:-

- 1 gall cold water
- 2lb sugar
- 1 lemon

2 tablespoons of white vinegar.

Cut up the lemon and put all ingredients together to soak in a large pan overnight. Next day stir well and strain into screw top bottles, **MUST BE SCREW TOP.** Put into a warm place for a few days & its ready

## S P O R T S   P A G E .

### NAPHILL CRICKETERS WIN ALL MATCHES.

With the end of the season fast approaching Naphill Cricket Club have run right into top form, winning every match in July. Batting has improved beyond all knowledge, while bowling, which has been consistently good all the season, was better than ever. With only one match left to play our first team are practically certain of second place in the league - a very creditable performance, and one which makes the outlook for next season very bright indeed.

JULY 3RD. Played Newlands and scored 90 to their 72. Our best batters were A. Brown 26 and G. Brown 24, while J. Anderson (4 for 26) and J. Batts (3 for 12) looked after the bowling.

JULY 10TH. Played Lane End, scoring 118 for 6 declared, while they could only manage 41. R. Biggs scored 30 not out, and was ably supported by G. Brown (24) J. Batts (17) A. Brown (13) and L. Brown (11). Once again J. Anderson was in form with the ball taking (5 for 9).

JULY 17TH. Played Marsh Sports and beat them by 60 to 49. L. Brown with (13) and H. Stallwood (11) were the best batters, and the bowling was in the safe hands of L. Brown (5 for 3) and H. Janes (3 for 7).

JULY 24TH. Beat Wycombe Alex by 120 to 16. Naphill batting was superb. A. Brown got 24 and was followed by C. Stacey (17), W. Lacey (16), F. Lacey

(16 not out), H. Stallwood (14). When Wycombe batted they were soon skittled out by J. Anderson who took (5 for 7) and H. Janes (4 for 5).

### FOOTBALL CLUB.

#### THE ANNUAL MEETING.

At their Annual General Meeting held on July 13th. the Hon. Treasurer was able to inform the members of the Football Club that their financial position was very sound. It was agreed to ask Mr. F. J. Brown to become President, and the following were elected to form the Committee:- H. Hussey, G. Youens, F. Lacey, J. Anderson, and the Secretary, S. Lawrence. Captains for the coming season are not yet elected. This will be done at a General Meeting to follow a trial match on August 20th. next, in the evening. Will all who are interested please turn up at both these events!

### Tennis Club

The Championships are being played as we go to press, and the results will be announced in next issue. The silver cups will be presented at a Social Evening to be held in the Village Hall in September. The date for this is not yet fixed but members and friends are urged to look for it in the September Gazette.

We have been asked many times of late when the Socials are to be resumed. The opening date will shortly be announced.

### ADVERTISEMENTS.

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THE FATE OF THE FETE

### SCHOOL NOTES.

The new School year has now commenced, and we have a good start-off with a School which has been painted throughout inside and looks like a palace once again.

The senior girls have started their annual Cookery month at the Village Hall, under Miss Grundy. We have heard from time to time of some mothers who thought that perhaps the methods and ideas taught at the Cookery Centre are not necessarily the best, but that's "the same the whole world over", and always was. We are by nature a conservative race, and the march of progress always finds us on the defensive. Still, in the end we have to give way. Youth will be served. We hope that we shall get a large crowd of mothers at the exhibition of work when the course finishes, as we feel sure that there will be something there to interest them.

We were glad to have Mrs. Calverley with us to present the prizes at our Sports in July. Her idea of giving prizes for Character was, we think, an excellent one. The children voted for a boy and a girl who shewed kindness, unselfishness and courtesy. So very rarely are these three qualities rewarded (on this earth at any rate) that we were very glad indeed to receive Mrs. Calverley's gesture. Mrs. Disraeli in sending her annual donation to the Sports Fund showed that she still remembers us. We know that she always will, and

our gratitude will always be unbounded.

The latest addition to the School furniture is a new Singer sewing machine, provided by the Education Committee the arrival of which set a few unfounded rumours on their journey round the Village.

The children are still collecting the Daily Mirror vouchers on behalf of the Wycombe Hospital, and have now got within striking distance of 1000. If any of our readers would care to help in this very useful work we would be glad of their co-operation.

Fifteen senior boys journey to Hazlemere School for a whole day each fortnight for specialist instruction in Handicraft. Fares are paid by the Committee, and the boys benefit considerably in being able to have first-class instruction from a man who knows his particular subject inside out.

As a safety first precaution the Headmaster now inspects all bicycles brought to school to see if they are "Roadworthy". At the first inspection one was found to have faulty brakes while two were without a bell. Special safety first lessons are to be given to all classes each week in the future.

Husband (house hunting) "How do you like this place?"  
Wife; "Oh, it's lovely. The view is so lovely it leaves me speechless."  
Husband: "Then we'll buy it."



## EDITORIAL.

### LOOKING FORWARD.

Summer holidays are now behind us, just a memory of happy leisure, with very un-English fine weather. We are all now refreshed, full of vigour, straining at the leash, just itching for thingd to start happening. For the next six months indoor activities will come into their own, and, as in all other things Naphill leads the way.

The Village Hall has had a rest as well, but will soon become the centre of Village corporate life. Whist Drives will be starting again. Weekly Socials will once more begin to radiate mirth and merriment. The rattle of billiard balls, the ping of darts, the fizzing of mineral waters, will tell us that the Billiard Room is in use again.

The Tennis club, which has had a fine outdoor season, is about to commence its even more popular and more vigorous winter season. Each week a Social evening----a really social evening----is held in the Hall, when everyone, young or old, is catered for. The charge for admission is so small as to make this evening the cheapest entertainment and the best value for money in the kingdom.

The Men's Club, which finished last season in a positive rush of activity, will be going again at full speed before this month is out. We have yet to find a Village in Bucks (or anywhere else for that matter) which has such a fine Club. Here our men and boys can play under the best of conditions, and there is room and welcome for one and all.

Football is without doubt, the national game of England. The snail-like pace of present-day first-class cricket is hastening the death of that once-popular game, and possibly helping the development of a game with thrills and movement--- Baseball. But football is always the game for Englishmen, and we are looking forward to seeing the men of Naphill show all comers how to play it.

And so it goes on. We have not the space here to dwell on all the other aspects of Village life which will be to the fore in the coming winter, but we shall be recording all such in the future numbers of the GAZETTE, in order that

### HE WHO RUNS MAY READ.

Buy two Gazettes--one for your friend who lived here years ago, and long to know how the old place is getting on!

## D R A K E.

A short time ago Francis Drake as a play was produced on the London stage. Historical accuracy was perfect and the characters excellent. It provided first class entertainment both to those who knew their history and those who had forgotten it, so I am tempted to think that an exploit of Drakes retold would be again worth the telling.

There are those who argue that Drake was a pirate and a robber. It is true that this country was not officially at war with Spain, but no doubt he felt that Queen Elizabeth had as much right to stolen gold as Spain, and that it was very patriotic to relieve the King of Spain of some of his treasure. At this time Spain was rich and powerful, absolute mistress of the West Indies and South America, she had discovered the straits of Magellan and no ships but hers sailed the Western Shores of South America; she had discovered silver and gold in great abundance in the West after she had robbed the original natives of all they possessed. Unfortunately it was a very long and dangerous journey to fetch it by ship from the East to the West coast before the long Atlantic journey to Spain, so in the dry season they bought it by mule-train across the Isthmus of Panama on the West coast to Nombre de Dios in the East where the great Plate Fleet sailed once a year to fill the coffers of the King of Spain.

Drake had made one voyage to the West and made himself familiar with the seas, coast and navigation there, and now burned with the desire to help himself to some of the Spaniards gold, he had hidden stores in the forest ready for the venture and had returned to find influence and even the Queen herself ready to help finance the attempt. Two small ships were fitted out, and with a picked crew of seventy men he sailed. It would take too much space to describe how he took Nombre de dios by surprise, drove out the garrison, held the town for several hours, burst open the treasure house, and then had to fight back to their ships without it. He then captured several ships and helped himself to whatever of value they contained but the alarm was now raised so he disappeared and made his way to the hidden harbour where he had left his stores the previous voyage. He now conceived the idea of getting the gold behind the Spaniards back by robbing their mule-train. But, he had a long time to wait for the dry season in a very unhealthy climate. Many of his men died, including his two brothers. He at last set out with eighteen men and a number of escaped negroes to act as guides and hunters. They made their way through dense tropical forests till they came at last to the Pampas Grass uplands where they could see the

### DRAKE contd.

town of Panama below them and here Drake climbed a tree, and was the first Englishman to see that fabled ocean of the West, he prayed God that he might be allowed to live to sail those seas. A spy now brought word that the mules were getting ready to start, so Drake hid his men in the long grass each side of the track, presently came the jingle of bells, voices and clatter of mules. At Drake's whistle, sailors and negroes sprang out with wild yells, overpowered teamsters and guard cut open the packs, to find nothing but stores, the little expedition had been seen and the Spanish Governor, had sent the store mules first to spring the trap. The men were now in despair, half of them dead of disease, and no Spanish gold to carry home to Plymouth. But Drake was no ordinary man, a great inspiring leader, he lived to sail the Pacific, to become the terror of the Spanish Main, and to defeat the great Armada. And his ships did not return home without treasure. The gold poured across the Isthmus into Panama, the Spaniards now feeling safe but as the last mule trains were almost at the gates of Nombre de Dios, Deven men and negroes swooped on it, got it safely away into the forest, and eventually to their ships. All nations and races have produced their romantic heroes, but the whole story of Drake's voyages is as full of romantic heroism as one can read or conceive of anywhere.

COURIER.

### IN THE HEART OF THE CITY

of London there is a certain where many changes have taken place. Cobble stones have given place to wood paving, the sedan chair to the motor car, colza lamps to electric light. But there remains surrounded by high modern buildings a house and shop, with its bent windows its crooked pannelled walls, and its creaky stairs. Here, well over one hundred years ago, my Grandfather worked in gold and silver. The same furnaces are still at work, and you can see today a thousand ounces of silver drawn from the fire white hot by a chain and poured into a bath of acid for cleansing. We are carrying on by doing repairs of every description, silver plate, jewellery, watches, clocks, etc., at THE REPAIR SHOP  
NAPHILL COTTAGE.

### NAPHILL INDUSTRIES NO. 3

By our Rambling Reporter.

#### How a "Gazette" is Made.

August being my holiday month I found it impossible to forage far afield, but I thought instead that a few words on how we make a Gazette would be of general interest.

The first job is that of getting the material, articles reports, news items and so on. These generally give very little trouble, although in the summer months it is a little difficult, as there seems to be so little happening.

Each page is then typed out on thin tissue-like paper, so thin that the letters are actually cut into the sheet; this sheet is then inserted into a duplicating machine, in which ink is forced through these cut-out letters on to absorbent sheets of paper, by means of a hand-roller. Each page must be rolled out separately, so that if we publish 180 copies, each of 12 pages, the roller must be rolled 2160 times. Thus it comes about that the Editor has muscles as big, if not bigger than those of Popeye the Sailor.

The sheets are then sorted out into their sets of 12 pages, which are then clipped together with a clipper which is very good at going wrong. The last job is making up the bundles of Gazettes for the sellers, who rush round to

the eager and impatient public. Copies are also sent to all parts of this country and the world in general by post.

Then the Editor sits back and sighs, and then starts racking his brain for the next month's "Odds and Ends" page.

#### THE FETE)))-----ITS FATE.

At their meeting on Tuesday August 24 the Village Hall Council very reluctantly came to the conclusion that the Fete would have to be abandoned this year after all. The main factor which influenced the decision was the impossibility of arranging some attractions for which visitors would not have to pay. Here the Committee shewed great courage. Our memories of Fetes in other places can be summed up in three words---PAY PAY PAY.

The financial loss will have to be made up with renewed efforts in the winter, and we feel sure that the people of Naphill will give the Committee their full support whenever called for.

In spite of the cancellation of the Fete the DANCE arranged for Saturday Sept 4 will be held in the Hall, commencing at 8-30, with Cecil Saunders' Band in attendance. Admission is 1/6, and there will be a late conveyance to Wycombe for those requiring it.

## THE WIFE IN THE HOME.

by

Domesticus.

Have you been black-berry-ing yet? I have, and there are some beauties this year. If you haven't, I should advise you to hurry, as they are ripening fast now. Father and the children will love a blackberry roly-poly for their dinner, and then, what is nicer than Blackberry jelly? I put a pound of sugar to each pint of juice, do you?

Here is a nice recipe for Blackberry and Apple jelly. Wash  $1\frac{1}{2}$  lbs. of apples and cut in slices (not peel and core). Put into pan together with 4 lbs. of well-examined blackberries, half a pint of water and the juice of one lemon. Boil until apples are soft then strain off the juice through a jelly bag. Rinse out pan, measure the juice back into it and add 1lb of white sugar to every pint of juice. Boil steadily until it will jelly firmly when tested on a plate. Pour into warmed jars and tie down at once.

May I offer you another timely and inexpensive recipe Blackberry and Marrow Jam

6 lbs of vegetable marrow  
3 lbs of blackberries  
6 lbs of preserving sugar  
2 lemons

Peel and cut the marrow into cubes removing the pips first. Put into pan with the well-

picked blackberries and two breakfast cupfuls of water. Simmer until the fruit is soft. The rub it through a sieve to remove the pips, and return to pan. Add the sugar together with the grated rind of one lemon and the juice of two, stir until the sugar is dissolved, then boil quickly until the jam sets when a little is put onto a cold plate, put into jars and cover immediately as before.

## WOMEN'S INSTITUTE NEWS.

Sept. 2nd. 'Tis only the wearer who knows where the slipper pinches.' Demonstration - Welt slippers - Miss Channer. Entertainment.

This was a very good meeting, and well attended for the time of year. Mrs. Lovejoy took the chair and Miss Channers demonstration proved very useful. For entertainment there was a holiday snapshot competition won by Mrs. C. Ginger and a Garden competition won by Mrs. W. Bond. Mrs. G. Smith of North Dean delighted us all with a pianoforte solo and after a short Roll Call of Holiday impressions the meeting closed with the National Anthem.

### Next Meeting.

October 7th. 'Friendship like the fire must be fed or it dies'. Birthday Party. Demonstration by Messrs. Heinz Ltd., Competition Best dressed 6d. doll. Potatoes to be collected for the Hospital. Messrs. Heinz are giving samples away of their delicious foods so be sure to come for your

## MEMORIES OF OLD NAPHILL.

### THE SECOND OF A SERIES OF REMENISCENCES OF NAPHILL IN THE GOOD OLD DAYS.

Last month we got as far as the school. In my first recollection there was no school house and the children used to meet the school mistress, who lodged I believe in one of the cottages at the top of Coombe Lane, and came up the road all in a row. Then Miss Morris, old scholars now living will remember Miss Morris who was here many years, and of her nothing but good could be said. The schoolroom was not as large then and the playground larger planted round with laurels, breaking of which involved punishment. Once in the dinner hour some lads had dug a hole with sharp sticks near one of the laurels. I was seen looking at it and got the blame. Some girls gave information, "perjury", and I had the stick, although I had never touched the hole. Hard lines wasn't it? Well perhaps I deserved it sometime when I did not get it, so will let that pass, anyhow I do not see how to alter it now.

Children then did not have as much playtime as now, just a few minutes before eleven in the morning when it was against the rules to leave the playground. But Butchers Meadow was close, a gap in the hedge was easily made and when there was ice on the pond, what about a few rules? Then the bell would ring, a rush back to school, five minutes late, then a row of boys and girls holding out the right hand for a stripe each. I don't suppose boys and girls break rules now. The Governess had a long tapered stick walled a pointer which answered two purposes. One to point on the blackboard, the other a substitute for 'the cane' and recalls painful memories.

If I write any more I may give the reader a pain, so more of the old times later.

G.Hunt.

#### NAPHILL METHODIST CHURCH.

A large number of guests and friends assembled on Saturday August 21st. at the Methoddist Church for the wedding of Mr. Ronald Piercy and Miss Muriel Bowell. The Rev. F.C.Searle was the officiating minister and the organist was Mr. F. Piercy, uncle of the Bridegroom.

The Bride, who was given away by her brother, Mr. Charles Bowell looked charming in a long dress of Suzanne green georgette and carried a shower bouquet of bronze chrysanthemums. The bestman was Mr. Alan Shrimpton. A reception was held at Mobeley Lodge and later the Bride and Bridegroom left for their honeymoon at Ilfracombe.

YOUR LUCKY STARS.  
EXCLUSIVE TO THE "GAZETTE".

for those whose birthdays begin between Sept 1 - 8.

If your plans for the near future are uncertain, be careful. In love affairs use caution. A tall dark stranger may cause you some surprise by helping you financially.  
Sept. 9 - 16.

The coming year is full of great opportunities for you. Grasp them before they slip by. In affairs of the heart you should "Go in and Win". Any speculation will be successful, but you may have to wait.  
Sept. 16 - 23.

You will have a year of great discisions, which will cause you some anxiety, but will mostly turn out successful. Do not get married more than once. A short illness is indicated round about December 26 but it will be only digestive trouble.  
Sept. 23 - 30.

Do not be dismayed at what appears to be a stroke of bad luck. You will benefit in the end by it. At the same time look out for trouble with a relation by marriage. - you won't be the first! If your speculations do not appear to be at once successful - persist.

LIGHT OF STARS. Longfellow.

There is no light in earth or  
But the cold light of (heaven  
stars;

And the first watch of night is  
To the red planet Mats. (given

To the Editor

Dear Sir,

Are we to take the letter over the name of "Courier" in your last issue seriously? Apart from the question whether a man could have his head cut off while he was alive which I do not wish to argue, Courier commends to you a policy of having no opinions except safe ones, and the moment your opinions become unpopular, dangerous, or does not pay, then discard them and adopt the popular opinion of the day. Well, Sir, I do not think that this is the sort of thing to publish in the Gazette, even if not intended seriously, and I feel that an attempt should be made to discredit such a contemptible philosophy. All progress towards human betterment and wider horizons requires strong opinions to begin with, and leadership from men of opinions even if they are dangerous in their beginnings. All the outstanding men of history must have been men who risked and dared, and we as a people must stagnate and decay unless we can produce leaders and men prepared to live dangerously for the sake of their opinions.

"Courier's" philosophy, which he commends to you, would never produce such men.

I am,

Yours sincerely,  
JAMES COOK.

PHILOSOPHY. Shakespeare

For there was never yet philosopher that could endure the toothache patiently. (Much ado abt nothing)



### ODDS AND ENDS.

The Sand-pit has now been erected in the Playing Field and the job has been very well done. It must be the best of its kind for many miles. Our youngsters are very fortunate, and we feel that a word of thanks is due to Mrs. Oakeshott who has been the driving force behind the whole business. Through her kind offices and hard work there has been no expense to the Playing Field whatever in this fine undertaking. Thank you, Mrs. Oakeshott.

Two Londoners, on a visit to Naphill, expressed the wish to see a Village "hop". It was no sooner said than done. Although bills were put out only one day before, a very successful dance was held in the Village Hall on Wednesday August 25th. H. J. Adlam provided the music, and Mrs. V. Hussey looked after the refreshments. Fifty people enjoyed a very pleasant evening, and the Hall funds benefited by 27/-.

The Balance sheet of the Hughenden Fete which was held on Saturday July 24th in the Manor grounds has just been issued, and shows a profit of over £100-- a very handsome result.

Our readers will be glad to hear that The Rev. H. Herbert-Jones is now nearly recovered from the illness which took him suddenly on the evening before the Hughenden Fete. He expects to be about again in

the Parish almost immediately.

General regret will be felt at the illness of Mrz Bert Evans. It is hoped that he will enjoy a speedy recovery.

As a result of an unhappy accident whilst painting his house Mr. Gibbons of Stocken Lane was seriously injured recently. We hope that he too will be soon restored to good health.

The new road up Coombe Lane proceeds apace. The general opinion is that it is a wonderful improvement. Some regret has been expressed at the builders' notices displayed further down, but we may hope that such houses as will be built will be fully in keeping with the local surroundings, and not like that lot not many miles away which we heard described recently as "A blot on the landscape!".

### D A N C E

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### D A N C E

IN THE VILLAGE HALL

CECIL SAUNDERS BAND

8.30      -      12.

1/6

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FUNDS.

## FOOTBALL TOPICS.

Prospects for the coming season appear to be reasonably bright. Teams will be much the same as last year, strengthened possibly by the re-appearance of L. Thompson and J. Lawrence, both of whom have recovered from the injuries which laid them low last year.

The practise match held on August 27th. revealed good understanding among the different sections of the sides, without anything approaching outstanding brilliance. After the match J. Lawrence was appointed Captain of the first XI, with D. Ing as Vice Captain. The choice of Captain for the reserves has not yet been made, but K. Hussey was appointed Vice Captain.

The pitch this year will be across that of recent years and should be an improvement. The grass is in excellent condition and for the first part of the season at any rate there will be perfect goalmouths.

It is hoped to run a minor side again, after last years great success in the Minor Cup Competition, but at the moment the prospects in this direction are not too good on account of a dearth of young players.

The players will be wearing a new set of shirts - the familiar blue and white colours. The first XI will play in the second division of the Wycombe Combination, and the reserves in the 3rd. division of the reserve section of the same League.

The only important home match in September will be on Sept. 11. when the first team

entertain Beaconsfield. Should they be lucky in the draw of the Berks and Bucks Junior Cup the first team will also be at home on Sept. 18th.

## GARDENING IN SEPTEMBER.

We have now dug the last of our potatoes and most of us feel that they have not turned out too badly. Mine were the best I've had since I have been here, and this I feel is due to the artificial manures I gave each root before earthing up. I had a good crop, and they were King Edwards, which many people have told me will never grow up here!

The best row of potatoes I had was one I had forgotten to earth up. Does that mean that I dare risk not earthing up any next year?.

There is not much to say about the vegetable garden for the month. The greens have now got well established and with reasonable weather conditions should yeald good crops.

Among the flowers we can get the beds ready for the wallflowers forgetmenots etc., to associate with daffodils and tulips in the spring. We can move the potted Chrysanths into the greenhouse, and we can also strike rose cuttings they seldom fail to grow.

And that seems to be about all, and there won't be time for much else anyway with the dark evenings and football coupons to fill up!8.

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